LOOK OUT FOR MYAR VLASTANIO SARIESSNOIMI! (See Page 11.)

THE

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SCENES FROM HALIFAX

(1) Commissioner Richards in a devastated street; (2) View of the city before the explosion, showing the No. 1. Citadel in the foreground. This and the building across the street to the right are now in use, under the direction of Adjutant Hargrove, for feeding and sheltering homeless people; (3) Children obtaining family supplies from a Relief Station.

HOW WONDERFUL!

He answered all my prayer abundantly,
And crowned the work that to His feet I brought
With blessing more than I had thought—
A blessing, undisguised, and fair, and free!
I stand amazed, and whispered, Can it be
That He hath granted all the boon I sought?
How wonderful that He for me hath wrought:
How wonderful, that He hath answered me,
O faithless heart! He said that He would hear, and answer thy poor prayer,
And He hath heard and proved His promise!
Wherefore dost thou fear?
Why marvel that thy Lord hath kept His word!
More wonderful if He should fail to bless
Expectant faith and prayer with good success.

—F. R. Havergal.

THE SEARCHLIGHT

Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. Put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

HOW TO BE SAVED

Firmly face the fact of your sin. It gets worse, and unless something happens to stop it your soul will stand before your Maker at last with only foul horrors as its record.

Cast yourself upon God's mercy; confess your wrongs against His laws; plead for pardon in the name of Jesus, who has said you shall ask what you will and it shall be given you.

The Stronghold of the Human Will

By MRS. GENERAL BOOTH

Renew my will from day to day,
Blend it with Thine and take away
All that now makes it hard to say,
"Thy will be done."

IN my last paper I mentioned those three great qualities with which the soul of man has been endowed by God and by means of which all its improvements are wrought—that trinity of powers which we call the mind, the will, and the affections.

However we may cultivate the mind or store it with knowledge, man himself cannot attain God's purpose or walk in Holiness or righteousness before Him unless he is prepared to exercise self-denial and sacrifice with regard to his will.

God's Greatest Triumph

In working for our Holiness God accomplishes His greatest triumph in the moulding of the human will. It must, if He is to make use of it in the interests of His Kingdom, be brought to a state of perfect harmony with His own. He wants it at its best, for, in the words of a modern writer:

"It is the will which is the lynchpin of the faculties, nor is it a stationary power as modern materialism assumes it to be. The weak will may be strengthened; the strong will may be made stronger. The will grows by its own exercises, as the thews and sinews grow. The weakest man has will enough for his appointed energies, if he develop it as he would a feeble body. It is also terribly true that the will, like the bodily thews, can be atrophied by indolent misuse, and at the present time numbers of men and women are suffering from just this malady. 'I cannot' waits upon 'I tried not'."

If the presence of sin in the mind leads to a degradation of its faculties, far more disastrous is the effect caused by the presence of sin in the will, and from my own long experience I assert unhesitatingly that this sin of rebellion to the will of God and of setting up our will in opposition to the Divine, lies at the root of the great multitude of spiritual failures we see around us to-day.

How is it with you as you read these lines? Has God been able to work in you to will and to do of His good pleasure? May not the reason you have come so short in doing be because you have refused to allow Him to work in you the power to will?

The price of this self-culture of the will is the same as that for the improvement of the mind. It can only be attained, under the hand of God, by the will's own denial of itself—by its choosing deliberately and intelligently the path of sacrifice.

We see this clearly in children. We know how pleasant it is at first for a child to yield to the self-will of the moment. We have seen mothers "give in" for the sake of avoiding a difficulty, and allow the child to gain by its self-will what a moment before the mother refused to grant.

Effects of Yielding

If this course of action be continued we can actually watch the child's character deteriorating, and see the little one robbed of all the highest qualities of its nature. The will power is utterly ruined, and the child allowed to grow up thus becomes a mere flighty butterfly creature, the plaything of the devil, with no staying power.

When at last, with the grown man or woman, to yield to temptation is the hour has become the habit of a lifetime, what terrible results come! The will has certainly grown strong by repeated indulgence, but strong on the side of all that is evil and harmful, forging a barrier against God, instead of a chain binding the soul to its Redeemer.

Further, the heart that is not purged from self-will can never so yield to the will of God as to become strong. This is why self-will is so offensive to God—not merely because it is rebellion against Him, but because it brings such a terrible blight upon the whole spiritual nature, and destroys the bloom of the spiritual character.

Where are you in this matter? Have you in the past shrunk from what seemed to cross your own will? Have you refused the path of sacrifice? It is useless to repeat the Lord's Prayer, and to say, "Thy will be done," if all the time you want to do your own will.

"Thy Will Be Done!"

When Christ sends you some dispensation which seems mysterious, do you draw back and desire your own way, instead of taking upon your lips the Gethsemane prayer, "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt"?

Even the Saviour had to deny Himself and to choose the path from which His spirit shrank. May we not say, in all reverence that had He passed through Calvary in secret rebellion against the will of His Father, there could have been no Easter, no Resurrection, no Pentecost.

But He who taught us to pray, "Thy will be done," has shown us also how to live out that prayer; and through Him and Him alone we shall be able, no matter what conditions may face us, to say, in the spirit of His own words: "I came not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me."

THE SALVATION SOLDIER'S ARMOURY

[This page section is the special "property" of our Soldiers and Recruits. We urge that all comrades should carefully study the instruction provided, and ask for help if any one is in doubt or difficulty should take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the "Question Box." We have made arrangements for the writing of a series of papers by Corps' Commanding Officers on important subjects.—Ed.]

The Soldier's Duty in the Prayer Meeting

By ADJUTANT A. MacDONALD (Ottawa I.)

EACH and every phase of a Salvation Soldier's duties in a meeting is so important that one hesitates to say which should be put first, but I have no hesitation in saying that none is more important than the part a Soldier should take in the prayer meeting.

I consider going into a prayer meeting is to a Salvation meeting what an infantry charge is to a modern battle; all that goes before, the singing, music, testimonies, but, above all, the Bible-reading and preaching, is as the artillery preparation, and much of this figure appealed to me in reading the war news, that I seldom start a prayer meeting without thinking of that now-familiar phrase, "Going over the top."

The Job of the Infantry

It is not the duty of the artillery to bring the prisoners in; it kills, wounds, and destroys the enemy's defences, but the infantry must go and finish the job and bring in the prisoners. Just so everything done during the first hour or so of a battle for souls should aim at demolishing the fortifications of sin and darkness, tearing to shreds the false theories and refuges of lies behind which sinners hide themselves; the high explosives of God's truth being freely used, so filling the uncovered with fear of death, judgment, and eternity, that when the prayer meeting begins and a Hallelujah infantry-man, or woman, approaches them, they will be ready to throw up their hands and be taken prisoners for King Jesus.

Many disastrous defeats have befallen the Russian armies in the last few months, not because they lacked arms, or ammunition, or war equipment of any kind, but because they failed to do their duty and charge the enemy at the critical moment. Countless Salvation battles have ended disastrously because Soldiers have failed to respond to their Heavenly Captain's command to charge.

I want to deal briefly with three things that a Soldier can do to bring victory in a prayer meeting:—

I. Pray—When the leader decides on having a season of prayer every Soldier and Convert, who is not on some other duty, should, if at all possible, kneel, and with closed eyes, take hold of God in earnest prayer for the Salvation of souls.

My heart has been pained of late years, to see so many of our people who not only fail to kneel, but fail to bow their head or close their eyes, and, in some instances, titter and laugh, while a few faithful ones are trying to bring sinners to Christ.

In the early days of The Army's history in this country, the only thing that excused a Soldier from being on his or her knees in a prayer meeting was their being fishing or performing some other helpful duty. Here, I must say, with deep regret, that my experience of the past few years has forced me to the conclusion that the Salvationists now appearing on the scene of action do not take the soul-saving business as seriously as those referred to above. We need another Pentecost!

More Praying Needed

Another cause for concern is the very small percentage of our Soldiers who lead in prayer, with the result that if the meeting is prolonged, it either lags in interest—loses its teeth—or the same few people have to pray over and over again to keep it going at all, and, sad to relate, this is true of some Corps with from one to two hundred Soldiers. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

II. Exercise Faith—Consecration, prayer, devotion to duty, all have their proper place, but the Soldier should ever keep in mind that "without faith it is impossible to please Him" (Heb. 2:6). The effectual, fervent prayer spoken of by James is also the prayer of faith (see James 5:15-16).

I have often seen what appeared to be a hopeless meeting turned into a glorious triumph by a band of determined Soldiers holding on in believing prayer. There is more truth than poetry in that little chorus we sometimes sing—

"Believing, believing,
There's nothing like believing
If you want to see souls saved,
You must work and keep believing."

III. Fishing—The Soldier who goes out fishing in a prayer meeting should seek earnestly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that he may go to the right people, and also be given the right words to say to them. Different people need different treatment, and the man or woman who undertakes to deal with the mysteries of another soul should seek to have the experience of the one of old who said, "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned that I might know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary."

May God send upon us the spirit of prayer, believing prayer, and "the faith that say YES! when the devil says "No."

OUR QUESTION BOX

If you are in doubt or difficulty in regard to spiritual matters, write to the Editor of "The War Cry," Albert Street, Toronto, Ont. We are here to help you. We shall be pleased to do our best to obtain for any of our readers any information they may need. Write now!

THE HALIFAX DISASTER

THE SALVATION ARMY'S SHARE IN RESCUE AND RELIEF WORK

Commissioner and Mrs. Richards, Chief Secretary, Staff, Field, and Social Officers, and Local Comrades, Take Active and Important Part—Another Record of Service of Which We Are All Proud

THE truly world-staggering blow which has fallen upon Halifax has been described so fully in the daily press that none of our readers will not be aware of the appalling destruction and misery which have been brought upon fair Nova Scotia's capital city by explosion, fire, and blizzard.

Through the kind interest of the managers of various papers news has also been sent broadcast of the death of Mrs. Ensign Cranwell and of the safety of the other Officers who were in the city, of the effective aid rendered by the survivors in relief work, and of the speedy arrival on the scene of Commissioner and Mrs. Richards, Colonel McMillan, Major Barr, and of many Officers who were stationed at Corps within practicable distance.

It is our task to gather for our readers that fuller information concerning The Army's losses and The Army's work which will be expected from us, and which we have special facilities for obtaining.

On his arrival in Toronto Commissioner Richards, to a "Star" reporter, paid the following tribute to the spirit and work of the people and other organizations on the ground:

"One cannot say sufficient about the wonderful courage of the military and naval authorities. They worked unceasingly. It was magnificent, too, the way in which the Halifax people themselves rallied to help. Men whose businesses were ruined gave not a thought to themselves, but devoted all their energy to the work of caring and providing for the victims. Every one offered his services. I do not know how some of the women workers stood the strain. Mrs. (Dr.) McIntosh was at her post all the time. She was in charge of the V. A. D. Corps and also of an improvised investigation department.

"Another lady, Mrs. Senator Dennis, who recently lost her son in the war, worked unceasingly at the distribution of clothing."

That we do not now say more of this phase of the relief operations is that it would require a library to put on record all that was done by devoted workers to save life and relieve suffering; and we are proud to be able to give in the little space at our disposal information which shows The Salvation Army marched full step with the most ardent, and that our leaders and comrades on the ground were not only entrusted by the authorities with important and urgent work, but carried it out with characteristic courage, exactitude, and promptness.

The most heartfelt sympathy of all our readers will have been with all the bereaved and suffering from the first moment news of the disaster reached them. We ask their continued prayers that abundant grace and comfort may be given to them.

A FEW hours after his return to Toronto from Halifax, the Commissioner assembled the Headquarters' Staff in his office, and gave a detailed account of the disaster and of the relief work done by The Salvation Army.

IN A CHAOTIC CONDITION

He and Mrs. Richards, with Brigadier Miller, were in Montreal when the news of the calamity reached them. As it happened, they were on their way to the Maritime Provinces to conduct a series of Young People's Days. The Chief Secretary left Toronto the same night, and the next day they went right through as speedily as possible, arriving in the city on the Saturday. They found, owing to the coming of the blizzard after the explosion and fire, everything was still in a very chaotic condition. They immediately set about helping to extend and organize the operations which had already been started, and to develop other branches of effort as it became possible to do so.

As soon as possible a council was held. What had been done, what was in hand, and who were available to help were quickly discovered, and the duties of each defined.

Brigadier Bettridge, Major Barr, and Ensign Ritchie were put in charge of the investigation work, and in twenty-four hours, with the assistance of a large number of volunteer workers, had been busy in visiting sixty-two streeffs, calling at over a thousand houses, and tabulating the needs of the various families. Captain Greenaway also assisted in this department.

As a preliminary to this investigation work all the people in the city who were willing to volunteer for duty of any kind were asked by the authorities to report in the Council Chamber at the City Hall. The Officers named were placed in charge here, their first task being to allocate the volunteers to suitable posts. All manner of folk came. There were the V. A. D., St. John graduates, girl typists, etc. They were sorted out, sent to hospitals, investigation, clerical work, and so on.

FAMILY IN A FREIGHT CAR

When the Chief Secretary was there, word came that a family of thirteen had been found in a freight car; would they please send provisions and medical help? The necessary steps were at once taken to find out what was necessary, and send it.

Then it was found some people would not leave their wrecked houses; they were sick or dazed; some one would be sent to find out what was wrong. In one or two cases people were found who had broken limbs not attended to. If the house was untenable, they were got out and found shelter, where they would be fed and looked after.

In other instances where it was only that windows or doors had been blown in, and the houses were otherwise safe for occupation, but the people were unable to fix things up for themselves, some one would be sent to nail up boarding or tar-paper, and see that any injured or ill had suitable bed covering.

Mrs. Commissioner Richards, Mrs. Major Crichton, Mrs. Ensign Ritchie, and a number of other women Officers and Soldiers, undertook to visit the stricken families and the wounded in hospital, and they continued it every day and well into the nights—comforting and praying with the suffering and the bereaved.

Mrs. Richards tells of one very touching incident. As they neared one bed a badly-injured and heavily-bandaged woman feebly lifted her head and gasped out: "My—children—four—were they—safe?" Alas! they could not tell her.

HELPING TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD

The first thing the Commissioner and party turned to when they reached the city was to help in the distribution of food, which was then proceeding under the direction of Adjutant Hurd; all, for the time being, taking their turn at the loaving out of bread, canned goods, cheese, biscuits, tea, coffee, and all manner of food supplies which were being given to all who were in need. This food distribution centre, of which the Adjutant is still in charge, has for its day staff thirteen Home League members and Soldiers.

Ensign Ham was one of the earliest to get into the city, travelling by the first relief train. After doing much hard work in helping the injured, he was given charge of the free coal depot. All applications for fuel were referred to him, and where it was found necessary he issued an order for supply by a local firm.

Lieut.-Colonel Margrave, who got through to Halifax on the Friday, was also appointed to this work, which is still under the direction of him and the Ensign. Thousands of families were supplied with fuel. The blizzard which swept over the city right after the fire made this work of the utmost importance.

One of the greatest problems was, and is still, the proper housing of the people. In this connection the services of Brigadier Miller were gladly utilized by the authorities, and he is now hard at work on the problem as a member of the Works Committee.

One of the most urgent needs, when the party arrived, was found to be the provision of temporary hospitals, into which could be placed for care and treatment those patients whose condition did not call for operations or further serious surgical treatment, so as to make way for the more severely injured at the regular hospitals. The experience and special knowledge possessed by Brigadier Miller made him of good service to the committee which inspected various halls and other buildings, in making a selection for this purpose and in helping to get the selected buildings suitably fixed up.

ASSISTING MEDICAL AUTHORITIES

The Women's Voluntary Aid Detachment were in need of help, and Captain Bessie Lane (the Life-Saving Guard Organizer) became their Secretary, under Mrs. (Dr.) McIntosh. She rendered splendid service.

Staff-Captain Byers was appointed Secretary for the medical military faculty under Colonel Willoughby, in which capacity he was able to give very great assistance.

One of the first to arrive on the scene was Ensign Laing, from Truro. His first duty was assisting a surgeon at the hospital, who was attending to eye wounds. For sixteen hours on end the doctor did nothing else but perform operations of a serious nature, in many cases involving the removal of eyes, and the Ensign was with him all the time. He was later appointed to the Information Bureau, and performed much useful service in directing people where to go for, and how to obtain, supplies.

Adjutant Cavender and Ensign Squarebriggs were appointed to investigate and report on the needs of the people in the Richmond district, and they did their work promptly and well.

Other comrades who worked untiringly and with cheerful courage under the trying conditions which prevailed were: Ensign Pitcher, Captains Lucy Bramley, Margaret Lyons, Sibbick, and Thornhill, and Bandsman Bexton. Ensign Cranwell, whose experience is described elsewhere, was among the foremost in caring for others.

On the City Relief Committee The Army is officially represented by Brigadier Miller (Works), Major Crichton (General Relief), and Adjutant Hurd (Food and Distribution).

In a written comment Mr. McIlreith (Chairman) expressed the thanks of the Central Relief Committee for "the magnificent way in which The Army had come to their assistance in the matter of organizing relief and investigation."

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Financial help is urgently needed to permit of The Army's continuing its work at Halifax. On Page 8 directions will be found where to send remittances.

WITH OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN CAMP AND AT THE FRONT.

TESTIMONY FROM FRANCE

Letters of a Winnipeg Comrade Who Was Killed in Action.

The following extracts from letters written to his mother by the late Bandsman E. Reeves (Winnipeg I.), from the trenches in France, show that he was standing firm for God amidst his new surroundings.

In a letter written on Aug. 3rd, he says: "I must tell you how I am getting along spiritually. I am glad to report victory. God has been very good to me; I am afraid things would be a lot harder for me if it were not for the knowledge in my heart of sins forgiven. You know, mother, since coming to France, I think I can truthfully say that I am getting along better than I ever did in all my life. If I feel a bit blue I just go to God in prayer and every burden is made lighter. Don't worry about me; keep praying and believing, leave everything in God's hands, just say, 'Thy will be done.'"

On Sept. 10th, he wrote: "I am getting along well still, and trusting in Jesus. I know that will cheer you more than anything else I could write."

On Oct. 25th, only five days before he was called Higher, he wrote: "Still trusting, and getting along well. I am glad to know that Flossie (his sister) is going to the Training College. It will be lonesome for you, mother, but you will not regret her going."

A SEASONABLE MESSAGE

From a Comrade-Officer on Duty in France.

"It would seem almost incompatible to common feeling to use such an expression as 'Happy Christmas' in the presence of the terrible suffering and sorrow following in the wake of this world conflict," writes Adjutant Burry from the No. II. Rest Camp in France. "But as the bottom of the sea remains undisturbed by the gale that lashes the surface into a turmoil, so is the peace of God's people undisturbed, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

"I, therefore, consider myself well within the bounds of possibility and reason when I wish my comrades, and all Christian readers of 'The War Cry,' a Christmas full of the peace that Jesus Christ gives, and that even war cannot disturb; and of an optimistic outlook for the time when war shall be no more—a blessed peace in which all the world shall share. This I do with all my heart. And in this my wife joins."

TO BE LIKE "THE WAR CRY"

In his introductory remarks, the Editor of the A.M.C.'s new organ, "The Bulletin," says:—

"We want this magazine to be to the A.M.C. what 'The War Cry' is to The Salvation Army: a crystallized history or epitome of the 'Sayings and Doings' of our boys wherever they may be."

NOTICE TO READERS

The Editor would be glad to receive letters or extracts from letters from Soldiers overseas, containing references to Salvation Army Work, Huts, or Hostels, relating incidents of Salvation Service, or giving personal testimony. Address The Editor, "War Cry," James and Albert Streets, Toronto (Ontario).

THE ARTILLERYMAN'S STORY

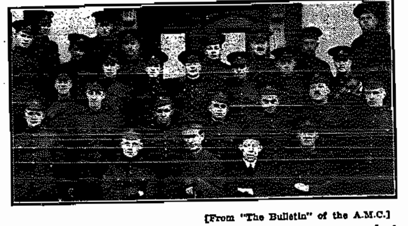
Won Back to God Through Self-Denying Efforts of a Salvationist Comrade in Khaki

"EARLY in the Fall," writes Private Fred Clarke, "I commenced going to classes, with the object of completing a course of studies. This took all my time, with the exception of Saturdays and Sundays.

"I felt, however, that I should devote more time to God's work, so got permission from the officers to hold meetings in the No. II. Hut at Witley Camp, two nights a week, with the help of other comrades. On the very first night God rewarded us with one soul.

"At first I missed my classes very much, but I feel God has blessed me far more in holding meetings for His glory than by studying for my own benefit every night.

"The following little story was written by the comrade who got converted in that first meeting. I have heard from him since he went to France, and he says he has been the means of getting four others saved. Thus the work goes on."



[From "The Bulletin" of the A.M.C.]

Staff-Captain (Chaplain-Captain) White, with a group of the A.M.C., with whom he is associated in Salvation Work at the Exhibition Camp (Toronto).

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This is our comrade's story:—

"For several years my life had been what the average seaman calls 'a good time.' As soon as I was paid off a voyage, either long or short, I would go and spend all my money within two or three days. One time I had fourteen months' money coming to me, and the last time nine months', and it all went the same way.

"It was while I was on the second night of one of my drunken escapades, that, going along a street in Portland, Maine, U.S.A., in a half-muddled condition, I heard an Army open-air on the opposite corner. It was always my practice to get as far from any place where religion was talked about as possible, as I had been taught different at home, and didn't want to be troubled with any qualms of conscience regarding the way my life was shaping. But, for some reason or other, I stopped and listened. It was a woman's voice singing that old song, 'Your mother still prays for you, Jack.' I gradually drew nearer, until unconsciously I was on the edge of the open-air ring. The meeting closed, and an invitation was given to the Hall. I decided to follow, with the result that I made an end of my old life, and started the way of life afresh.

"With a much brighter hope for the future I went on several succeeding voyages for eight years. Right up until about six months ago I lived among my fellow-seamen a Blood-and-Fire Salvationist's life. Then came my downfall. I was in Halifax, after completing an exciting trip across the Atlantic, and decided to enlist in the artillery. I was soon drafted across, and there I gradually let go my hold on God, until, sad to say, I was in a worse state than I had been eight years before—'a drunken sailor.'

"I had got so bad that my system, owing to the effects of drink, played out, and I was in hospital very sick, but God spared me, and, coming to Witley, He spoke to my heart again, and now my heart is peaceful with the knowledge of a glorious pardon. 'As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed my transgressions from me.' Hallelujah!"

NORWEGIAN GENERAL

Records His Impressions of The Salvation Army.

The Sergeant-Major at the Christiania I. Corps of The Salvation Army, who has acted as orderly to the chief of Norway's northern brigade, General David Vogt, evidently made a deep impression upon his general, as some time ago a very kind note from him came to hand (says "Under the Colours").

In this sympathetic note General Vogt wrote to say:—

"I was rather surprised to find that my orderly was a Salvation Soldier, but the acquaintance I made through him of The Salvation Army and its work, and what I later on have had an opportunity of seeing myself, has persuaded me about this Organization's success.

"Indeed, it brings joy and blessing perhaps not in the least degree to these northern regions. As a military authority it is a pleasure to me to realize that The Salvation Army has thorough discipline within its ranks, combined with personal sacrifice as a result of intelligent understanding and complete spontaneity."

A SHOUTING COMRADE

Is Winning Many Soul-Saving Victories "Over There."

"I have been wounded in the left side," writes Sapper Cresswell from an English hospital, "but am glad to say I have completely recovered. The Lord has some more work for me to do yet I believe.

"I have come in contact with hundreds of the boys in khaki, and they have heard my testimony. When I was at Epsom I met six Salvationists, and we had some good times together. There were crowds of men at our open-air meetings. We used to get together and pray, and on one occasion we met in a wood and prayed for two hours.

"One night we prayed with a man in a churchyard, and he got converted. That same night four more men knelt at The Army Penitent Form.

"I am now at a place called Grays. There are lots of Canadians here, and we are having good times. I have to let out a few 'Hallelujahs!' now and again.

"I have had the pleasure of visiting seven Salvation Army Corps during the last two months. They don't forget to give you a welcome—and you've got to do something too!

"I can truthfully say that I have not been downhearted or discouraged since I have been here. God has helped me and blessed me far more than I deserve. I feel like going forward to victory."

TEMPLE BANDSMAN

Is Wounded—Led Seven Comrades to Christ Whilst in France.

Private Reginald Martin, of the Temple (Toronto) Corps, has just returned from France, with two shrapnel wounds in his left leg. He is progressing favourably, however.

"He asked me to have this announced in 'The War Cry,'" writes Chaplain-Captain Campbell, "and wants the comrades to pray for him that he may soon recover. He writes: 'I am still well saved and doing splendidly in body and soul.' He also writes that during his stay in France he was the means of leading seven of his comrades to the feet of the Saviour. Well done, Bandsman Martin!"

"WAR CRY" IN THE CAMP

"I receive 'The War Cry' quite regularly, and am always interested in the contents," writes Lieutenant Clayton Rawling, from Bramshott Camp, England. "I missed several copies just after being wounded, but was glad to find them in a parcel containing writing paper and envelopes which Captain Penfold kindly sent to me to distribute among the [illegible] in my company that are in [illegible] time.

"There are two other Salvation Army Bandsmen, beside myself, in the company under my charge. I shall be glad when this war is over and I can again take my place in The Army Band."

"ALL UNDER THE BLOOD & FIRE FLAG"

FINLAND

OPEN-AIR WORK IN HELSINGFORS—NEW HALLS OPENED

Availing themselves of recent fine weather, our comrades in Helsingfors have been conducting great open-air gatherings with much success. Every Tuesday, for instance, a united gathering was held in the Kaisaniemi Park, with excellent crowds and souls at the Cross. More than half of the congregations have been Russian soldiers and sailors, and the results should be far-reaching. In one of the last meetings conducted by Colonel Larsson eighteen souls surrendered, and seventeen of them were soldiers. Thus will the seed travel all over Russia.

Included amongst the Cadets recently commissioned from the Finnish Training Garrison, were two Russian comrades who have been returned, as Probationary Lieutenants, to Petrograd. They were accompanied on that journey by a party of seven Finnish Officers who had offered themselves for service in that country.

It is interesting to note, in view of the military situation that way, that Colonel Larsson has lately dedicated a new Hall at Tornea. Joensuu, Rovaniemi, Varkaus, and Kristinestad have also acquired new buildings. These enlarged meeting-places speak of progress, and this is true not only with regard to the increase in accommodation numerically, but also in speaking of the character of that provision. There is a steady, all-round advance in the efficiency of our work.

INDIA

OPEN-AIR WORK IN CALCUTTA CITY—

Caste Principles Being Put Aside by the Natives

The Calcutta Commissioner of Police was recently approached by The Army for permission to open a third open-air stand in the city. He kindly enquired as to The Army's Work, and was much interested in what was told him.

Permission was duly granted, and at the first meeting Bengali, Hindustani, and English songs were sung, and a crowd of about one hundred and fifty gathered to hear the news of Salvation.

Brigadier Christo Charan writes in the Indian "War Cry" that in six days he has visited ten Corps and two Outposts. At Virsad he was entertained by a Pandit Brahmin, who arranged for seventy high-caste people to come and meet him, and in their presence garlanded and embraced him, thus putting to one side the caste principles.

At Dehwan four meetings were conducted. At every meeting almost the whole Dhedwada was present. Many came out for Salvation and one man begged that his Chotli be cut off in the presence of all present as a sign that he was willing to sever all connection with Hinduism.

SALVATION CAMPAIGNING IN THE ALPS

Attracting the People on the Hill-side and in The Army Halls—Many Souls Seek the Saviour—Colonel Fornachon and the Policeman —Would-be Suicide Brought to Cross by Officer

DURING the last days of the summer, Switzerland was favoured with most beautiful weather, and all the days since the beginning of autumn have been so glorious that the far-away mountain summits can be seen; thus one may readily understand that the Swiss people do not stay in their valleys, towns, and villages; they come forth—on Sundays and holidays—to enjoy the panorama of the Alpine world, and so, for a while, forget war-time troubles and trials.

Mountain-side Meetings

The Salvation Army Officers reckon with this longing of the people, and make their arrangements accordingly, taking excursions, early in the morning, to some place on a mountain, there to meet other comrades from other towns and villages. Under shady trees, with charming views of the snow-capped giants and of glittering lakes below, with cowbells ringing out their sweet sounds, they hold their meetings with great blessing.

Commissioner Oliphant conducted various meetings in such places, as, for instance, at Tour de Gourze, near Lake Geneva, or on Mont Soleil, near St. Imier, where the Holiness and the afternoon meetings saw a good number of souls come out for Sanctification and Salvation.

Nevertheless, from time to time the roar of the cannons from Alsace was heard. It was on Mont Soleil that a number of Swiss military men attended the meetings with great interest, being especially impressed when they heard Salvationists in the uniform of the Swiss Federal Army testify.

Speaking of French Switzerland, we are reminded that Colonel and Mrs. Fornachon, lately returned to their own country, have taken the command of this charming Province, and have been welcomed with open arms. The Colonel has been travelling about in the Province, and, being favoured with a strong and clear voice, he takes every opportunity of proclaiming Salvation wherever he may be. He holds great open-airs, with 300, 500, and 600 people.

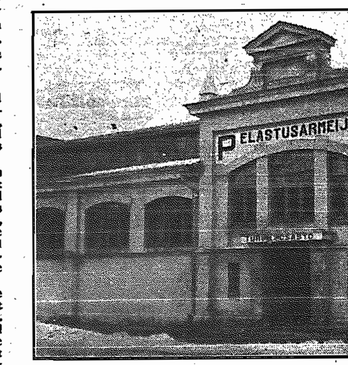
Recently he had 1,000 people listening to him in a small town. When he had finished this meeting a policeman approached and asked the Colonel to follow him to the police station. Why? Because he had alarmed the town by speaking with so loud a voice (and this in French Switzerland!). Of course, the Colonel went with the officer and the whole crowd accompanied him.

During the Commissioner's absence in Italy, Mrs. Oliphant and the Chief Secretary, Colonel Gaskin, kept the Flag flying on their side of the Alps. In Zurich I. Mrs. Oliphant conducted a united Holiness meeting, the Hall being more than full, and forty souls knelt at the Mercy Seat. In Basle she had two big meetings, in which other forty-six came forward.

Colonel and Mrs. Gaskin have a good years work behind them. They have learned the language very quickly, and though they are not yet able to do without an interpreter in the meetings, yet the Colonel is able to conduct a good prayer meetings, to have interviews, and to get about in the country. They have been loved from the first day of their arrival in Switzerland, and in the Salvation meetings which they have led lately, in various Corps, there have been full Halls and very many souls at the Penitent Form.

In for Self-Denial Victory

Our Swiss comrades are now in for the Self-Denial Week. It is expected to be the hardest pull ever known, for the conditions of life are most serious. Food, clothing, shoes, and many other articles have risen 100 and 200 per cent. Yet, in spite of all, and with the blessing of God, the Commissioner and the Officers have faith that they will win another Self-Denial victory.



The Citadel of the Abo II. Corps, Finland

UNITED STATES

GREAT CONGRESS AT CHICAGO — THE FIRST HUT OPENED FOR SOLDIERS

The Chicago Congress was attended by five hundred Officers, who, with many hundreds of Soldiers, joined in a series of inspiring events under the leadership of Commander Eva Booth, which moved thousands.

"The great meetings in the Orchestra Hall were among the most influential we have ever attended (writes Colonel Peart). In each case the Commander's mighty addresses found the finest kind of response."

The first Hut for our Work in the American cantonments was opened at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., by the Chief Secretary. The military authorities warmly welcomed The Army workers, and Colonel Blain voiced his faith that good would be accomplished.

The National Prison Congress at New Orleans was attended by Colonel Parker, Lieut.-Colonel Stanyon, Brigadier Cowan, and Major McEwan. A booklet, entitled, "The Four Hundred Thousand," has been issued from the National Headquarters. It is a splendid representation of this branch of The Army's Work.

ITALY

"WAR CRYS" AND NEW TESTAMENTS FOR THE TROOPS

Circumstances are daily becoming more difficult in Italy (writes Major Paglieri), but there is no discouragement amongst either our Officers or Soldiers. A most interesting and much-appreciated work which we have in hand is the distribution of the "Grido di Guerra" ("The War Cry"), and copies of the New Testament to the troops at the front. In this way we are getting into touch with people who had never seen The Salvation Army before. Soldiers who had never even heard of our work are now singing our Salvation war songs.

While passing through a village near Milan, one of our comrades heard male voices singing one of our most popular songs, and, wondering to whom the voices could belong, he approached the singers to find that there was not a single Salvationist among them. There were twenty of them, and one acted as leader.

Just as our comrade was about to approach him to ask how he came to learn the song, he was called away by a superior officer. One man declared he had found a photograph of General Booth at the front, which he now treasures as a souvenir of his stay there.

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Commissioner and Mrs. Eadie recently visited Salisbury, Rhodesia (South Africa). At two meetings in the Native Location, fifty-one knelt at the Penitent Form. A meeting for Europeans was held at night. The Commissioner also addressed a large and representative audience on "The World War and The Salvation Army," the Mayor of Salisbury presiding.

Cheering News From The Salvation Army

INDIAN COMRADE'S LETTER

Doing God's Work Among His People in British Columbia.

Envoy Matthew Auckland, of Metlakatla, B.C., sends the following report with the photo which is published on this page. He says:—

"We are the Soldiers of The Salvation Army at Metlakatla, B.C. The names of the comrades in the photo are as follows: Brother Alfred Auckland and Bandmaster Henry Prevost are seated in the front. Envoy Auckland is in the centre, and the others are Sister Mrs. Fanny Clifton, Penitent Form Sergeant; Mrs. Sarah Prevost, Young People's Sergeant-Major, and Murray Clifton, one of our young Soldiers and the Envoy's grandson.

"These are the people doing their part in The Salvation Army and Blood-and-Fire Soldiers at Metlakatla. Some of the Soldiers are not in the picture, for they are not all at home yet.

"One thing I will let you know, comrades, about our sadness, for our late Corps Sergeant-Major Joshua Leighton and his son Drum Sergeant Leighton. We are all sorry about his wife, for she is not comfort herself to do her part again in The Army. Sergeant-Major Joshua Leighton was my comrade for many years past to carry out the works of God. Although we all know he is home up in Glory, but yet his wife sorry, for she is all alone in this world.

"I myself am eight years and three months since I am all alone in single life in this world. These long, sad years have passed, yet I carry out the works of God, by God's help, in The Salvation Army. So I close my writing with greeting you with a happy Christmas and a happy New Year."

FOR HALIFAX SUFFERERS

Women of London I. Corps Make Garments—Christmas "Crys" Are Selling Well.

At the request of Lady Beck, Mrs. Brigadier Rawling, Mrs. Adjutant Ritchie, Mrs. Ensign Snowden, and all the woman comrades of London I. are working night and day making garments for the relief of sufferers at Halifax. The women have laid aside other duties and wholeheartedly are uniting to get a shipment of needed articles off on Friday.

Sister Mrs. Ward's total for Christmas "War Cry" sales is now 810 copies, as well as the usual 200 weekly copies she disposes of. We would like to know if any other Soldier has reached this total, Mr. Editor! We have increased our Christmas "War Cry" order another 100, making a total of 1,700 copies.

In spite of the zero weather, we held all our open-airs throughout the week-end, the Bandsmen turned out well, although not able to play their instruments.

At the memorial service for Sister Mrs. Knight on Sunday evening, conducted by Ensign and Mrs. Snowden, three souls knelt at the Mercy Seat.

St. Mary's—On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1st-2nd, we had real good meetings, which were led by Ensign Richards (London). The meetings were times of real blessing to our souls.

MEN'S SOCIAL SECRETARY

Leads Week-end Meetings at Kingston—Visit to Penitentiary—Mayor Presides at a Musical Festival.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Hargrave visited Kingston Nov. 24th-25th. On Saturday night one soul sought and found Christ. On Sunday afternoon the Colonel, with Adjutant Smith and a number of Bandsmen, conducted a service in the Penitentiary which was very much enjoyed by the men.

We then came back for the Free-and-Easy meeting, which was quite lively. At night the Salvation meeting was a good one. Mrs. Hargrave took the lesson, and her convincing words stirred the people. Two souls came forward in the prayer meeting.

The Kingston Band, under the direction of Adjutant Smith, gave a Musical Festival on Monday night, Nov. 26th. His Worship Mayor Hughes presided. Mrs. Colonel Har-

Indian Salvationists of Metlakatla (See report in first column)

gave grave a reading, entitled "Harry," which the crowd enjoyed very much. The Band is holding its own, although it has lost so many by enlistments. The local papers remarked that the programme was one of the best yet rendered in the Citadel.

The Mayor remarked that the Band was a wonder. Recently the Band had an honour conferred upon it by taking part in a military parade. It is always on hand to do anything for the boys going away, or when they return. The Band has been going to the Queen's Hospital to play to the returned men on Sunday afternoon, which is appreciated not only by the men, but by the officers.

WELCOME HOME

At Estevan we have had the joy of welcoming two dear comrades—Alfred Slous and Horace Horseman—from the front. They have been overseas about fourteen months and were wounded in April of this year. They have returned stronger in soul than when they left.

On Sunday we had a great day and finished up with one sister for Full Salvation, one brother for Restoration, and three other seekers.

A GLORIOUS SIGHT

Father and Daughter Seek Salvation Together—Veteran Soldier Comes, Too.

Major and Mrs. Coombs, Staff-Captain Goodwin, and Captain Mastin visited Saskatoon recently. In the afternoon meeting one notable testimony was given by a dear lad in khaki, who had just come out of the hospital after a serious operation. Just before going in he got converted in a Sunday night meeting here, and he told how God's grace had been sufficient.

At night God came very near. Mrs. Coombs had liberty in speaking. The Major piloted the prayer meeting. The first to come forward was a young lad, then a young woman, then a father and his daughter together come out. They had come from the country and it was the first meeting they had been in for a long time. Another young woman came out, and then an old, white-haired man, with his breast covered with medals and ribbons. Afterwards they all testified. The old man told how for many years he had served his earthly king, but now he had enlisted in the service of the Heavenly King. Six came forward altogether. It was indeed a glorious wind-up!

GAVE EXTRA DOLLAR

To Send Box to Soldier Who Has No Relatives.

A few weeks ago we welcomed Adjutant and Mrs. Sharp to Ridgetown. Last Sunday's meetings were times of blessing, with the close one soul returned to God.

On Nov. 15th the sisters gathered at the Quarters to pack boxes for our boys at the front. The comrades helped well, and Brother Hore gave a dollar extra to help send a box to a young man who had no relatives.

The second Sunday the Officers were here the Adjutant was called to Blenheim to conduct the funeral service of Brother Hess, who, after a long and serious illness, was called home to be with Jesus.—J. Peag.

HOLINESS CAMPAIGN

Attended with Excellent Results in Brandon—Conversions, Consecrations and Fulfilment of Vows.

For the month of November the Brandon Corps has been engaged in a Holiness Campaign, which has been highly successful. The indoor attendances for the month were nearly 3,000. People have come from all parts of the city, and even from outside points, to the meetings, and have returned to their homes blessed and inspired. The open-air attendances for the same period was nearly six hundred.

We held cottage prayer meetings—the old-fashioned kind—in different parts of the city, sometimes in an old Soldier's home, and sometimes in a convert's home. The attendance at these has been as high as thirty, in spite of other meetings being on at the same time.

An ex-Mayor's wife read some of the accounts of the meetings in the local paper, and sent her car for Mrs. Bourne and the writer to go and sing and pray with her.

There were between fifty and sixty public seekers in the meetings, and amongst them were comrades who had not worn their uniform or testified or taken part in the meetings for many a month. Now they are wearing their uniform again, testifying, and taking part in the meetings; in some cases are back in the Band, smiling and happy.

Others who have had grievances between them for nearly two years have become reconciled at the Mercy Seat. Others have consecrated the family altar and are testifying to its good influences in the home. Mothers have testified to the change in their children, while parents have testified to the change it has made in their home.

One brother, who had not been to a religious service for over twenty years, came to the meetings, got gloriously saved, and is now attending every open-air and indoor service.

Another couple promised God twelve years ago they would give their children to Him and The Army, but failed to keep the promise. They have now fulfilled it, and I had the honour of dedicating the children and enrolling the parents.

Another couple who have attended The Army here for over five years, volunteered for God during the campaign, and are now taking their stand boldly every day.

Major Sims conducted one week-end, Adjutant Hardy, Captain Harris, and Lieutenant Grey assisted in a few meetings. We are thankful to the local editor for the publicity he has given to the meetings.—B.

VICTORIES AT TWEED

Eleven Seekers at the Mercy Seat

On Tuesday, Dec. 4th, we had a visit from Adjutant Burton at Tweed, and we had the joy of seeing ten souls at the Mercy Seat—nine children and one adult—in the afternoon services. The night service was again a time of real help. The Adjutant's subject was "Nine Bible Boys."

On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, a special memorial service was held for Private Henry Vilnoff, who was killed in action. References were made by the comrades of the Corps to his life and work. One soul sought salvation.

Battlefield of Glorious Soul-Saving Triumph

THREE SOULS

At Close of Memorial Service at Port Arthur.

The visit of Brigadier and Mrs. Taylor to Port Arthur on Nov. 27th proved to be a time of instruction and blessing. The Brigadier's illustrated lecture on "The Salvation Army and the Great War" brought much information to the audience.

On Thursday, 29th, the visit of the Chief Secretary, Major Sims and Commandant Gosling was much appreciated.

On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, a memorial service was held for our comrade, Brother McIllwain, who was promoted to Glory from one of the military hospitals in England. Up to the time of enlistment he proved himself to be a faithful and devoted Soldier; and the different comrades who spoke at the service referred to his Godly life and example while amongst us. At the close three young men gave their hearts to God. Captain and Mrs. Jones are at present leading us on.

OPENING SERVICES

In New Hall at Indian Head—Eight Seekers Forward.

On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, we had with us at Indian Head Captain and Mrs. Stewart (Regina), who conducted the opening services in our new Hall. The Hall was well filled both afternoon and evening by a very attentive and interested audience. One woman gave her heart to God in the afternoon meeting, and at night seven sought Salvation—among the number being a lad in khaki. The comrades rallied up to the open-airs, giving splendid assistance. The Captain's talks and the singing of Mrs. Stewart were enjoyed by all, and were the means of much blessing.—K. F.

FINE DEMONSTRATION

Given by the Orillia Life-Saving Scouts and Guards.

The Orillia Life-Saving Scouts and Guards put on a whirlwind Demonstration on Thursday, Nov. 29th, in the Citadel. The place proved too small to accommodate the crowd that turned out.

Scout Leader Wm. Wisheart and Guard Leader Elsie Wisheart certainly deserve great credit for the energy they put into the work. The lantern drill, under the direction of Mrs. Captain Lloyd, was a great success. Guard Mary Beaton sold 120 tickets and won the prize. Scout Jill was the Scout prize. The Scouts are forty-five strong now, and still growing.

For Dec. 1st-3rd we had Captain Spooner with us. Sunday was a day of blessing. In the afternoon he lectured on "The Boy Problem." At night six souls were won for God.

SARNIA

Staff-Captain Hopkins (Detroit, Mich.) was with us for the Holiness meeting on Sunday, Dec. 9th, and his visit was much enjoyed. He was accompanied by Ensign Porter (Port Huron).

In spite of cold weather and no gas, we "carried on," and burned wood instead. We closed with one soul at the Mercy Seat. Saturday night was also a time of blessing. Brother G. Keeling, a staunch friend of The Army, spoke.

CONVICTED SINNER

Got Saved on Saturday Morning

Staff-Captain Goodwin conducted a stirring meeting at Melfort recently, at the close of which two souls claimed Salvation.

During the past week-end Adjutant Pugmire has been with us. At the close of a good Sunday three souls knelt at the foot of the Cross.

On a recent Saturday morning a man came to the Hall, requesting that the Officers should pray with him. He had become so convicted through listening to the open-air meeting the night before that he was unable to return to his home in the country, and early Saturday morning looked up a comrade, who brought him to our Hall. Within a few minutes he was rejoicing in the knowledge of sins forgiven.

TORONTO INDUSTRIAL

Many Farewells and Welcomes—Soul-Saving Goes On.

For the last few weeks there has been quite a stir in our ranks at the Toronto Industrial Corps. First, Adjutant and Mrs. Turner farewelled for Montreal and Ensign Lewis for London.

We have welcomed Commandant and Mrs. Thompson, from Montreal; Adjutant and Mrs. McRae, from London, and Captain and Mrs. Strafford, from Newfoundland. The Captain comes as Cashier to the Industrial Department.

Now that the farewells and welcomes are over, we are settling down to business, and trust that through the united efforts of our new Staff we shall be able to make advances in the spiritual, as well as the material, sense. Our meetings are very well attended. A week ago Sunday one soul sought God. Last Sunday, at Adjutant and Mrs. McRae's welcome, a young man came out and professed Salvation.—"One of 'Em."

A GOOD YEAR'S WORK

Review of Progress Made at the Bridgewater Corps.

The Bridgewater Corps celebrated its first birthday on Nov. 27th. A special musical meeting was given, and cake and coffee provided. The sum of $24 was raised, half of which goes towards inaugurating the Home League. Messages of congratulations and well wishes were read from Commissioner Richards, Colonel McMillan, and Major Crichton. The year's work and progress was reviewed. The converts number forty-five. The present standing of the Corps is thirteen Soldiers and three Recruits. Indoor meetings held, 371, with an attendance of 20,229. Open-air meetings held, 272, with an attendance of 1,771. "War Crys" sold, 5,775; "Young Soldiers," 2,380. Two Junior Corps are being worked, one in the Hall and the other in the Riverview schoolhouse. For all this we give God the glory.

We recently had a visit from Staff-Captain Byers, who conducted a meeting in the interests of the Young People's Work. Recitations, readings, solos, demonstrations of First-aid and semaphore signalling were amongst the features of the evening.

Dundas—Adjutant and Mrs. Poole are leading us on. On Sunday, Dec. 9th, we had four souls for Salvation.

APPEAL FOR RELIEF

Met with Good Response at Lisgar Street Corps.

The farewell meetings of Captain and Mrs. Leech at Lisgar Street were well attended, and at the conclusion of the Sunday evening's meeting, which was also a memorial service for our late comrade, Brother Bell, who was killed in action, two souls came back to God. A rousing send-off was given the Captain on Monday night, when a farewell tea was held in the Hall.

On Thursday night the Band, Songsters, and Corps marched to the Quarters to bring Adjutant and Mrs. Parsons to the Welcome meeting. All branches of the Corps were represented in the meeting, and our new Officers were assured of their hearty support.

On Sunday there was no talk of Welcome meetings, as the Officers were quite at home, and a splendid Day with God was spent, which was only saddened by the news of the Halifax disaster. An appeal was made for relief for that city, and at the end of the meeting $55 was given very willingly by the congregation, which was unusually small on account of inclement weather.

HOME LEAGUE SALE

Opened by Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Chandler at Welland—Good Week-end Meetings—Five Seekers.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Chandler have just spent a week-end in the city of Welland. The Campaign opened on the Saturday afternoon, when Mrs. Chandler declared the Sale of Work open that the Home League has been working at for some time. A goodly display of useful articles were quickly disposed of, thus enabling the Building Fund to profit thereby. With what was handed over, the League now rejoices in a donation of $150 towards this fund. A donation of coal for the Corps also was given.

The weather was very cold, but it made no difference to the attendances at open-airs, the indoor meetings also were well attended. In the Holiness meeting God was very near, and four comrades sought the blessing of a clean heart, and as a result were at each succeeding open-air meeting, Both Colonel and Mrs. Chandler spent the afternoon with the Young People.

At night, after a well-fought prayer meeting, one man volunteered for Salvation. Christmas "War Crys" are going well; the Corps is divided into Red and Blue sections, and are going at it in great shape.

FORTUNE, NFLD.

Our Life-Saving Scouts and Guards are going ahead at Fortune. On Nov. 19th we had our first parade night. We had a good crowd. Ensign and Mrs. Strickland are our Officers. On Nov. 18th we had a visit from Commandant Brace of Grand Bank. The Hall was packed. The Home League has been started, and is now in full swing.—H. W. M.

BLACK ISLAND, NFLD.

We have said good-bye at Black Island to Lieutenant Locke, and have welcomed Captain Eason, On Sunday, Nov. 25th, we had the joy of seeing two souls at the Mercy Seat.

FIFTEEN SEEKERS

Good Times of Blessing at Melville.

Captain H. Smith is leading us on and victories are continually coming at Melville. We had Brother S. E. Turner and Brother W. Pearson (Estevan) with us for over a week, and they were an inspiration to all.

Brother Turner gave some inspiring talks, while Brother Pearson kept the different crowds interested with his singing. He also gave some very good talks on his own personal experience, having been a Salvationist for over thirty years.

On Saturday, Dec. 1st, Captain Smith led another Half-night of Prayer. We all had our souls blessed and the only unconverted person present sought and found Salvation. On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, the Captain gave a powerful address, and one convert was the result.

On Thursday, Dec. 6th, we went to Balcarres, a town of 400 people. The Town Hall had been hired, and over a hundred people gathered. Eleven souls surrendered to Christ.

On Sunday, Dec. 9th, a good crowd was present and two more souls were saved.—C. J. R.

THIRTEEN CLAIM PARDON

At Two Sunday Services in the Calgary I. Citadel.

Envoy Burditt led the meetings on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at Calgary I. It is seven years since he was here last, and quite a number of comrades were pleased to renew acquaintances. A very good crowd turned out to hear him, and at the evening meeting seven souls came to Christ.

Adjutant Pugmire conducted the Sunday night meeting on Dec. 2nd. We had a very interesting time, with six forward at the conclusion of the services. The Citadel was well filled in spite of the very cold weather.

ST. GEORGE'S, BERMUDA

Our Harvest Festival week-end was a very happy time. We had with us Captain Wheeler (Hamilton). Her Bible talk was very powerful and inspiring.

On Monday night we had our Sale. The Hamilton Brass Band was down, and quite a number turned out, and everything proved to be a success. Our target is well smashed.

At our Rally Sunday we had the joy of seeing six Life-Saving Scouts claim Jesus as their Saviour.—M.

WEST TORONTO

Adjutant and Mrs. Knight were with us for the welcome meeting of Captain and Mrs. Leech at West Toronto. Several Local Officers were called on to say a few words of welcome to the new Officers. The week-end meetings were good. Staff-Captain and Mrs. White were welcomed as Soldiers of the Corps. A collection was taken up for the sufferers through the Halifax disaster, and thirty dollars was given.

WINNIPEG VIII.

On Sunday, Dec. 9th, Captain and Mrs. Cooper farewelled at Winnipeg VIII. Our prayers are that they may be a blessing in their new appointment. God has blessed us very much since their stay with us. A warm welcome awaits our incoming Officer—Captain Bellamy.

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DAY OF PRAYER

By the Command of the King for the Empire.

Sunday, January 6th, has been set apart by Royal Proclamation as a Day for National Humiliation and Prayer on behalf of the Empire. Corps Commanding Officers are instructed to see that this is duly observed, and to lead their people in fervent intercession in the meetings of the day.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Call to Prayer

THERE will be on the part of our readers a most ready and earnest response to the King's Call to Prayer. Recognition of the need for prayer, and of the power of prayer, is part and parcel of the every-day life of every true Salvationist, and the public call which is now made for petition on behalf of the welfare of the Empire is in line with the ardent desire of everyone.

It is further in keeping with the sincerest and deepest feelings of all, that in this Call repentance and humiliation on account of our sins should be coupled with supplication for the benefits desired.

Sin Is Worst Scourge

ONE of the most encouraging signs of the times is the degree to which it is becoming evident that the nation is awakening to the fact that sin is an even greater scourge than war; that it is wrong-doing which brings consequences that are most to be dreaded; and that before an end desired can be effectually prayed for, there must be confession and renunciation of sin, whether national or individual.

It is utterly unworthy and foolish to ask God for His blessing and help in trouble and to continue to break His laws and spoil His handiwork.

Halifax

TO all who have suffered by the Halifax disaster we proffer the sincerest and deepest sympathy. One bright ray amid the gloom of death and destruction has been the response which was made to the need for help in the stricken city.

We are proud that The Salvation Army was well among the first to set to work upon what must have appeared a task so appalling as to have deterred the stoutest-hearted, and that our comrades, later headed by Commissioner and Mrs. Richards and the Chief Secretary, were able to do so much, not only in the direction of individual help, but in that of organization.

The particulars of the assistance rendered, which are given elsewhere in this issue, although necessarily incomplete, will be read, we are sure, with intense gratification by all Salvationists.

The picture, too, of Ensign Cranwell, ignoring his own overwhelming sorrow and working so strenuously for "others," will everywhere stir admiration as well as sympathy. God bless and comfort him and all the bereaved.

Jerusalem

FEW will have heard unmoved that the Cross now flies above Jerusalem in place of the Crescent.

It will be the ardent prayer of millions that the passing of the tide of war over and away from the plains of Bethlehem may be significant of the coming of the righteous Peace which shall last for ever.

It is a matter for the warmest congratulation that the occupation of the Holy City itself should have been possible without the destruction of any of the places or buildings which are held sacred throughout the world.

Prohibition

THANK GOD, the tide is still rising! The United State Senate has, we are delighted to see, passed the nation-wide Prohibition Resolution by a substantial majority, so that provision is now made for the ratification within seven years by the several States of legislation which will give a "bone-dry" nation.

Messages of Sympathy

FROM THE GENERAL

London, England,—Express sympathy with Government and people in the appalling disaster at Halifax. Can we assist? Rely on us. Keep us informed. God bless and comfort the bereaved.

BRAMWELL BOOTH, General.

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THE UNITED STATES

New York,—The calamity which has befallen Halifax has stirred the deepest sympathy of my heart. During my eight years in Canada I visited the city often. Have telegraphed message of sympathy to the Mayor. Salvationists in the United States join Canadian comrades in praying God's blessing for the stricken city.

EVANGELINE BOOTH,
Commander.

Commander Eva Booth also sent the following letter:—

"With later news of the extent of the disaster which has befallen Halifax, my heart is more deeply stirred with a comprehensive and sincere sympathy. My love for Canada remains as tender and strong as ever it was, and I want to assure your Commissioner and every Canadian Salvationist of my own continual and earnest prayer, and the prayers of all who fight beneath the Blood-and-Fire Flag in my Command, on behalf of the bereaved and the sufferers."

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PREMIER OF ONTARIO

On being informed by the Field Secretary of what The Salvation Army was doing to help at Halifax, the Premier of Ontario sent the following letter:—

"I appreciate very highly the action taken by The Salvation Army and the splendid services being rendered by your Officers to the stricken people of Halifax. I regret exceedingly to learn of the loss you have sustained in the death of Mrs. Ensign Cranwell, and you have my sincere sympathy in your affliction.

"Thanking you for your prompt action in this matter, which is so characteristic of your Organization, and wishing you all success.—W. H. Hearst."

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WIRE TO HALIFAX

The following message was sent to the Mayor of Halifax from Territorial Headquarters, immediately news of the dreadful disaster reached Toronto:—

"Deeply grieved at the sad news of the awful catastrophe. Be assured of our deepest sympathy. The Salvation Army is to be relied upon to do any and everything in their power at this time of need.

W. J. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

The following is the reply received:

"Much appreciate your sympathetic telegram.—R. T. McIlreith, Chairman of Relief Committee."

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OTHER TERRITORIES

Commissioner Estill wired from Chicago, Western States:—

"Am deeply grieved by the sad news of the awful catastrophe at Halifax. Please send me wire immediately with latest information and details as to relief work necessary."

Commissioner Hay, from Melbourne (Australia): "Shocked at Halifax disaster. Assure Canada of our profound sympathy and prayer."

Colonel Bullard, from Kingston (Jamaica): "Deepest sympathy, Halifax disaster."

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CANADA WEST

Urgent inquiries also came from Commissioner Sowton and the comrades of Canada West, who not only expressed deepest sympathy and wanted the latest information about the condition of affairs at Halifax, but to know if there was any way in which they could help.

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Both Brigadier McLean (Vancouver) and Brigadier Taylor (Winnipeg) wired, giving assurances of deepest sympathy and prayers, and inquiring in what way they could best render assistance.

The Halifax Disaster

Help Urgently Needed!

Confident that our generous friends would wish it and would gladly find the funds necessary, The Salvation Army

Went Straight to Business

Sending in Officers, Organizing Relief, Devoting its standing Buildings to feeding and sheltering the homeless, and generally helping the suffering.

The work is being continued, and will be required for some time, but its extent must be limited by the funds available.

HELP THE ARMY TO HELP THE NEEDY :: :: AND SUFFERING

USE THIS FORM

To COMMISSIONER RICHARDS,
Toronto, Ontario:
S. A. Temple, James and Albert Streets,

I enclose $________ as a contribution to the Fund for The Army's Work on behalf of the Halifax sufferers.

NAME________________________

ADDRESS________________________

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Make Money Orders and Cheques payable to The Salvation Army.

THE GENERAL'S HEALTH

It is with great regret we announce that The General, during his recent visit to Scotland, had the misfortune to injure his knee. He did not at first realize what had happened, but the trouble developed into a gathering that has proved very painful.

Unwilling to disappoint the Officers of International Headquarters, The General conducted meetings with them at Clapton on the Wednesday, and perhaps his doing so contributed to increase the difficulty. His doctor then insisted upon absolute rest to the injured limb, and consequently he was compelled to cancel all his public engagements for a week or two.

The General had a week of considerable physical pain from the temporary knee trouble, but we are pleased to know, from the British "Cry," that when it went to press, he was making fairly good progress —assisted by hydropathic treatment.

We are sure our readers will pray that The General may have had a speedy recovery.

PARAGRAPHETTES

PERSONAL AND NEWSY

CANADA EAST

The Commissioner will conduct a Watch-Night Service in the Toronto Temple on Tuesday, January 31st. On Sunday, Jan. 13th, he will conduct in Toronto the first of a series of Young People's Days.

Mrs. Commissioner Richards and Mrs. Colonel McMillan will meet all the members of the Home League in the Toronto Corps at the Life-Saving Scout Lodge for the Annual Tea and Meeting, on Thursday, January 3rd.

Mrs. Commissioner Richards will preside at a Musical Festival to be given by the Wychwood Band and Songsters at the House of Industry (Toronto) on Tuesday, January 8th.

The Chief Secretary left Toronto on Dec. 18th for Halifax in connection with the relief operations being carried on by The Army. In January the Colonel will proceed to Newfoundland, where he will open the St. John's II. Citadel on the 18th and visit several Corps on the island.

Mrs. Colonel McMillan will preside at a League of Mercy Demonstration at the Toronto Hospital for Incurables on Thursday, January 10th.

Lieut.-Colonel Hargrave represented The Salvation Army at the funeral of two hundred unidentified dead at Halifax, on December 17th.

The Field Secretary informs us that there are now ninety-seven Home Leagues in the Canada East Territory.

Brigadier Bell reports a very fine increase in the Soldiers' Cartridges in the Training College Division Corps. The average weekly increase for the month of November, as compared with last year, is over eighteen dollars.

Brigadier Bettridge arrived safely in Toronto from Halifax, on Sunday, Dec. 16th. Mrs. Bettridge desires to thank her many friends for their sympathetic enquiries during the period of anxiety following the disaster at Halifax, when the safety of her husband was uncertain.

Staff-Captain MacNamara had a very anxious time when she heard of the Halifax explosion, as a number of her relatives reside in the city. Happily, however, none were among the killed.

A Toronto Public School Principal recently arranged for an entertainment to be held in aid of the Halifax sufferers. He sent the proceeds to The Salvation Army, and in his letter expressed great confidence in our Organization.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Staff-Captain White, whose father passed away suddenly in Toronto last week.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Ensign Pace (Verdun) was taken seriously ill on the night of opening of the new Hall (Dec. 6th). She is now reported to be recovering.

Mrs. Adjutant Ritchie (Belleville) is also seriously ill in the hospital. Pray for our sick comrades.

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Late Mrs. Ensign Cranwell

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Conducted by the Commissioner at Toronto and Hamilton

THE Toronto Temple was well-nigh filled on Saturday afternoon (Dec. 15th), when the Commissioner conducted the funeral service of Mrs. Ensign Cranwell, who lost her life in the Halifax disaster.

Though there was sorrow evidenced at the loss of a bright and brave comrade, yet the note of hopefulness resounded throughout the entire meeting. She is not lost to us, only gone before, was the prevailing sentiment.

In the Land Beyond

The first song, lined out by the Commissioner, carried the thoughts of all to that land beyond, where kindred shall meet again in the sweet by-and-bye.

Brigadier Bell, in his prayer, thanked God for the sureness of the knowledge that our dear comrade had safely joined the ransomed throng.

The Headquarters' Quartette sang "Just Beyond the River," a song full of bright Christian hope.

Several speakers were called on by the Chief Secretary—comrades who had been closely associated with Mrs. Cranwell during her career as an Officer.

Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Chandler referred to her as a woman who would do anything in her power for those in sorrow or trouble. A woman Soldier had once said of Mrs. Cranwell, "She is a mother to us. Once when I was lying sick she came in and washed the children and did the housework for me. Then she came into the room where I was lying and prayed with me."

Young People's Sergeant-Major Ham spoke of Mrs. Cranwell as a Junior Worker at Dovercourt, saying that she took a great interest in her class of boys, and was a bright and beautiful character.

Sister Mrs. Cornthwaite told of the work of our late comrade when stationed at Sudbury. "God helped her to be a comfort to those around her," she said, "never will I forget the time when a great sorrow came into my own life, and Mrs. Cranwell put her arms round me and said she would be a sister to me. Thank God for the many blessings she brought to those she met. Let us think of her as one more jewel in the Master's crown."

Brigadier Adby paid a high tribute to Mrs. Cranwell. "I knew her best as Lieutenant Ricker," he said, "and I well remember the time when she came to the St. John Division, fresh from the Training College. 'Well, Lieutenant,' I said, 'and so you have come to us from the mint?'

"'Yes,' she replied, 'and I've come to do my utmost for God. I am prepared to go anywhere and do anything to advance His Kingdom.' She faithfully carried out this consecration, putting all her heart and soul into her work."

Brigadier Morris also spoke of her devotion to duty and her readiness to meet God. "She has now joined her conquering comrades gone before," he said, "and her sudden call should be an incentive to us to do more for God."

Ensign Cranwell, though feeling very heart-broken, bravely volunteered to say a few words. "In spite of this crushing blow," he said, "my faith and confidence in God are unshaken. I am prepared to follow on where He leads, and not to question the Divine will. I believe that all things will work together for good."

The Commissioner said that he was pleased to hear so many references made to the work of Mrs. Cranwell among the Young People. The last public service she conducted was a Young People's Demonstration at the No. II. Corps, the night before the explosion. "Could she speak here this afternoon," he said, "she would doubtless urge us to do more for the Young People."

A Comforting Thought

He went on to describe various incidents in connection with the explosion, and gave a brief account of the relief work undertaken by The Salvation Army. A comforting thought in connection with the promotion of our comrade, he said, was that perhaps the Lord, knowing Mrs. Cranwell's heart and her love for the children, had taken her to Heaven to care for the many little ones killed by the disaster.

He then read a portion of Scripture and spoke some hopeful words to the bereaved ones of the life beyond the grave.

Mrs. Commissioner Richards closed with prayer for the bereaved and for the stricken ones in Halifax.

A very brief service was held at the graveside in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, owing to the extreme cold. A song was sung, Adjutant Bunton prayed, and the Commissioner read The Army's committal service.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT HAMILTON

IN spite of the cold and the fact that the whole City of Hamilton was in total darkness, the Royal Connaught Theatre was packed to the doors on Sunday night, Dec. 16th, when the Commissioner, who was assisted by the Field Secretary (Brigadier Morris) and Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Chandler, conducted an impressive Memorial Service in connection with the Halifax disaster.

The Commissioner, in his address, gave a very touching account of the disaster as he had seen it, and the part The Salvation Army had played in connection with the relieving of the distressed families. He also spoke of the work and life of the late Mrs. Ensign Cranwell who, with her husband, was stationed at Halifax II. at the time of the disaster.

He then turned the attention of the audience to the glories of Heaven and the rewards of the righteous —seizing the opportunity to warn sinners of the wrath to come if they neglected Salvation. He also had a message of comfort for the bereaved, based on the Scripture passage, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

The Commissioner reached the hearts of the people, and the prayer meeting resulted in the capture of thirteen souls for Salvation; finishing up with a great wave offering.

The Band and Songsters from the Hamilton I. and II. Corps, respectively rendered special music, and the Hamilton III. Band rendered a special selection, which was enjoyed by all present.

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SOME COMING EVENTS

Watch-Night Services and Young People's Days

For East and West—Commissioners Richards and Sowton Leading

WINTER CAMPAIGN IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

The Watch-Night Service is always an event of outstanding interest. Especially at this time, when every hour seems fateful, will people wish to meet together to pray that the New Year may, by God's blessing, be one of brighter things. A special Watch-night Service will be conducted in the Toronto Temple by Commissioner Richards, and it is expected to be an outstanding occasion.

The Young People's Councils of the past have been overflowing times of blessing and helpfulness. Had not the terrible Halifax disaster prevented their being held, this week's "War Cry" would have undoubtedly contained reports of gatherings in the East which would have equalled anything yet held. They have now been postponed, but will be held later on, and in the meantime Commissioner Richards will proceed with the others arranged, namely, at Toronto (Sunday, Jan. 13th), Montreal (20th), Hamilton (27th), Peterboro (Feb. 3rd), and London (10th).

In the West, Commissioner Sowton is doing a series beginning at Winnipeg (Sunday, Feb. 17th) and being continued at Regina (24th), Calgary (March 3rd), Vancouver (10th), Victoria (17th), Edmonton (24th), and Saskatoon (31st).

All Young People who come within the ages of thirteen to twenty-five are invited to attend these Councils. If any one wants to know whether they are likely to enjoy themselves, as well as find profit, let them ask some one who has been to them. We know what the answer will be.

The Winter Campaign will occupy the months of February and March. We hope to be able to give full particulars at an early date. The outline of the scheme for the East allots the first month to efforts for the Young People's Work, and the second to Senior "Specials."

The earlier all forces begin to plan for this offensive, and the more extensive the preparations made, the better. Above all, fervent prayer and big faith should be exercised, and God's guidance and blessing be sought with all possible earnestness of soul.

COMMISSIONER JEFFRIES

Will Pass Through Canada on His Way to China.

Our readers will be pleased to know that Commissioner Jeffries will pass through Canada on his way to take up his new command in North China, and that it may be possible for him to do some meetings here.

Advices cabled from International Headquarters make it apparent he may be expected at any time. We are sure our readers will pray he may have a safe voyage, and that they will also remember Mrs. Jeffries and their Officer-daughter left in the Old Land, as well as their five sons who are in khaki.

OPENING OF THE VERDUN CITADEL

COMMISSIONER RICHARDS Conducts First Service in New Hall —Nine Seekers on Sunday.

It was a memorable occasion for the comrades of Verdun (Montreal VI.) Corps, when, on Thursday, Dec. 6th, Commissioner and Mrs. Richards, assisted by Colonel and Mrs. Jacobs, Brigadier and Mrs. Morehen, Brigadier Miller, and a number of other Officers, opened the fine new Citadel that has just been erected. The No. 1. Band united with the Verdun Band in rendering a suitable musical programme.

Over three hundred people were present and the meeting was very lively and enthusiastic. Brigadier Morehen, in a characteristic speech, welcomed the Commissioner and Mrs. Richards. A hearty burst of applause greeted Mrs. Richards as she rose to speak, and her words were listened to with evident appreciation.

Brigadier Miller read the financial statement regarding the property, and congratulated the contractor on having put up so fine a building. He also gave some sound advice as to the upkeep of Army property. Major Southall read the Scriptures, after which the Commissioner spoke on the fundamental principles of The Salvation Army, pointing out the great need of God's people having clean hearts and being filled with the Spirit.

The first Sunday services in the new Hall were conducted by Adjutant and Mrs. Burton. Six meetings were held, including three for the children, and nine souls knelt at the Mercy Seat.

LIEUT.-COL. TURNER

Conducts Week-end Meetings at The Pas.

The Chief Secretary has just returned from The Pas, where he spent a most interesting and eventful week-end. Arriving at his destination eight hours late, having been delayed on account of train wreck, the Colonel found the temperature exceedingly low — about fifty degrees below zero.

The Officers in charge (Lieutenants Gain and Otterbill), however, gave him a warm welcome. The new Hall and Quarters meet the present need, and the location is ideal. In the absence of men, these two women Officers went at it with pick and shovel and "banked" the house with earth before winter set in. Dog sleighs are much in evidence, and are practically the only means of transportation through the surrounding district.

The Colonel conducted a fine meeting on the Saturday night, which was well attended. On Sunday morning he preached in the Episcopal Church. The building has a most interesting history. It was built on the site where formerly stood a log Church which was erected by Franklin and his party, who, years ago, wintered at The Pas. The seats and furniture of the present building were made by the noted explorer.

The Rector (Rev. Mr. Frazer) was most cordial in his welcome and the service was a most helpful one.

There was a most encouraging attendance at both the afternoon and night meetings, which were held in The Army Hall. Three Young People came to the Mercy Seat. The Officers report a splendid case of conversion, which took place during their visitation.

COMMISSIONER SOWTON

Opens New Hall at St. James, and Conducts Sunday's Meetings at Moose Jaw

FOR some years the work of the Winnipeg V. (St. James) Corps has been considerably handicapped by lack of suitable accommodation. At last the desire of the local comrades has been realized, and a fine Hall has been erected which will undoubtedly meet the need for some time to come.

The old building has been moved to the rear and forms an extension on the new Hall, which is a very creditable structure. The interior is most cheerful, and is illuminated by the semi-indirect lighting. The platform is of special design, which permits it being transformed for Demonstrations. It also provides ideal seating accommodation for the Band. The special services in connection with the opening extended from Saturday, Dec. 1st, to Monday, Dec. 3rd, and included a festival of music and song and supper.

Mr. J. H. Richardson

A fine crowd attended the first meeting of the series, which was conducted by Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton, who were assisted by the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Turner, Territorial, Training, and Divisional Staffs. Among the speakers were Mrs. Commissioner Sowton, Mrs. Brigadier Taylor, and Adjutant Walker, of the Subscribers Department. Each made reference to the Hall, and congratulated the Corps and those responsible for its erection.

Lieut.-Colonel Turner made reference to a number of special features of the building, such as the heating and lighting, and congratulated Captain Lekson, of Territorial Headquarters, who had prepared the plans and supervised its erection.

Captain Lekson informed the audience that the very best of material had been used. He was glad to be of service, and praised God for the opportunity The Army gave him.

Commanding Officer's Thanks

Adjutant Weir (the Officer in charge) was greeted most enthusiastically when he rose to give expression to his gratitude to Territorial Headquarters for making possible the realization of the Corps' hopes.

The Commissioner delivered an address in keeping with the occasion. The Chief Secretary conducted the Sunday morning service, which was well attended. Major Sims (the Men's Social Secretary) and Adjutant Carter (Manager of the Detention Home) spoke, and Brigadier Taylor led a bright testimony meeting during which Captain Bellamy was welcomed.

The afternoon meetings was led by the Commissioner, who was supported by the Chief Secretary and a number of Officers. Rev. Mr. Bethel (Methodist) conveyed the greetings from the local Methodists and from his district, South Winnipeg.

J. H. Richardson, Reeve of the Municipality of Assiniboia, referred to the "faith of those responsible for the erection of the Hall. The building is indeed a credit to the community, and the Council are fully in sympathy with your work," he concluded.

New Flag Dedicated

The dedication by the Commissioner of a new Flag, the cost of which had been collected by Colour-Sergeant Chapman, made an interesting item. Envoy Neill spoke on behalf of the Soldiers of the other city Corps. A duett sung by Captain and Mrs. Cox and a selection rendered by the Territorial Salvation Singers were much appreciated.

The building, which is capable of seating four hundred people, was crowded at night. Six souls knelt at the Mercy Seat.

Hundreds attended the supper provided at the Hall on the Monday evening.

The musical and vocal programme given by the city Bands and Congress Songster Brigade was much enjoyed. The Commissioner presided. In the absence of Adjutant Pugmire, Captain Cox led the Brigade. The Bands rendered selections under their respective Bandmasters. A recitation by Sister Kelly (Assistant Matron of the Detention Home) was evidently much appreciated.

During the evening a statement was read by Lieut.-Colonel Turner, which gave full particulars of the cost of building and the amount of money raised, etc.

Brigadier Taylor made an appeal for funds to cover cost of the chairs and the audience responded liberally.

Solos by Mrs. Adjutant Larson and Sister Mary Hooking were well received, as was the selection "Comrades in Arms," by the Salvation Singers. The Cadets also took part in the programme.

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SUNDAY AT MOOSE JAW

Several months ago Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton did a week-night meeting at Moose Jaw, and the Officer in charge (Ensign Tutte) got the Commissioner to promise to give the Corps a Sunday at the first opportunity. Owing to other engagements previously made, Sunday, Dec. 9th, was the first available for this fulfilment of the Commissioner's promise, and this, unfortunately, turned out to be the coldest day this winter, for when the Commissioner and Major Coombs arrived in the city the thermometer stood at 25 below zero. To make things worse, the Commissioner had contracted a severe cold, which was a great handicap to him in the day's meetings.

Then, again, Moose Jaw Citadel has had the reputation for many years of being very hard to heat in cold weather, although this difficulty has at last, we are glad to say, been overcome by the installation of a splendid steam-heating plant, and the hot-air furnace the Corps has had previously to depend upon, have now been dispensed with. A portion of the legacy of the late Mr. Schram has been devoted to this purpose. The Hall on occasion was, we are glad to say, comfortably warm, although the new heating plant was not completed.

The Commissioner rose to the occasion in spite of being physically not up to the mark, and his addresses lacked nothing of force and enthusiasm. The Holiness meeting in the morning was specially helpful to the comrades present, and although there were only two soldiers for the day, the meetings were much enjoyed, and the Corps stimulated to fresh efforts for the Salvation of the people.

MRS. COMMR. RICHARDS

Opens Home League Sale of Work at Montreal I. Corps.

Mrs. Commissioner Richards and Mrs. Colonel McMillan journeyed from Toronto to Montreal to open the Home League Sale of Work at the Montreal I. Corps on Tuesday, December 4th. Expectations ran high for the success of the Sale, and the workers felt jubilant when articles came pouring in from all directions. The Young People's Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and by the time of the opening it looked like Fairyland.

Promptly at 8 p.m. the opening ceremony commenced. Mrs. Brigadier Morehen (Divisional Home League Secretary) lined out the opening song, in which all present joined heartily. Mrs. Adjutant Layman prayed. To Mrs. Colonel Jacobs fell the duty of introducing Mrs. Commissioner Richards. She expressed hearty pleasure at the presence of Mrs. Richards and Mrs. McMillan at the opening of the Sale and voiced the hopes of all for its success.

When Mrs. Richards stepped forward to speak a hearty round of applause greeted her. She first called on Mrs. McMillan to have a word. Then, after a short address, she declared the Sale opened.

The proceeds of the first day amounted to $220. The total income was $400. Mrs. Colonel Jacobs (the Home League Secretary) was tireless in her efforts. She and her helpers threw their whole energy into the effort, and the result, after many months of earnest toil and eager expectation, is very gratifying.

Special mention is due to the city women Officers. The members of the Home League, without exception, worked faithfully and well. Mrs. Hatton's collection was considered "simply grand." Mrs. Baird was in charge of the decorations. Mrs. Douglas (Home League Secretary) ably assisted in the management of the whole affair. Many others are equally deserving of mention, but space will not permit, for "their name is Legion." The Band also turned out for the opening ceremonies.

In addition to their Sale, the Home League has been very active in Red Cross work and has also sent parcels to the comrades of the Corps who are serving King and country at the front.

Mrs. Jacobs and her aides are looking forward to a successful winter's effort, which is practically assured. Since Mrs. Jacobs' advent to Montreal I. the Home League has gone forward with leaps and bounds. Its usefulness this winter will not end at the Sale of Work, for the members will continue their good work by seeking out the poor and rendering necessary aid.—L. H.

BRANTFORD HOME LEAGUE

Holds Successful Sale of Work in Aid of Junior Hall—Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Chandler Presides.

The Brantford Home League is a live factor in our Corps, and is doing some splendid work. Many women who had not hitherto been connected with The Army have joined the Home League, and a number have been converted.

About nine months ago, Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Chandler conducted the first Home League meeting in Brantford, appointing Mrs. Homewood Secretary and Mrs. Saunders as Treasurer. Another officer is Mrs. Court, Assistant Treasurer.

Now, some thirty women gather every Wednesday afternoon, and spend a pleasant hour or so in sewing, profitable reading, etc., and finish up with a cup of tea.

Pleasant Hour

Having practically no funds, the League has until very recently worked on orders given them, and the little profit they have thus been able to make, together with their weekly fee, has made them self-supporting, and able to buy all the material for the splendid Sale of Work put on recently.

In connection with the new Junior Hall, which is being built, different branches had helped from their funds very liberally.

The League had really cash, but they determined not to be left out, but to do their share as well, so they arranged for a Sale of Work. This meant that first they had to work extra hard on orders to raise money to buy material for this sale. This done, they started two or three months ago to work for the sale.

Needed Brothers

Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 28th-29th, were the days set for the sale, but for a couple of days before the Hall presented a busy appearance—being put into trim. No one was allowed to see what was going on, but League members and two or three brothers who were needed to do the decorating. When the doors were swung open at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon the Hall certainly presented a very business-like appearance, as did also certain members of the League, with their little bit of red, white, and blue, as they bustled around eager to sell.

Mrs. Chandler opened the sale. Two stalls literally covered and bedecked with all kinds of useful things for every member in the family were continually surrounded by eager buyers. Then there was the refreshment counter and "parlour," where you could sit down and enjoy a cup of tea, or bovril, cake, fruit, etc., or over the counter procure candy, fruit, ice cream cones, etc.

Interesting "Museum"

Then there was the "Museum," run somewhat aside from the general sale, a small amount being charged for admission, with the understanding that every cent realized in this way would be spent for wool to be made up into socks for our boys overseas; six dollars was realized in this way. Beautiful hand embroidery done by Bandsman Rodwell, while convalescing in an English hospital, all kinds of fancy articles from France, and post cards and souvenirs of all descriptions, were to be seen in the museum.

In the evenings of the two days the Band and Songsters rallied up and put on a little programme while the sale was going on. The total proceeds amounted to $142. Much credit is due Mrs. Adjutant Osbourn and the Locals of the League for their faithful service.

HOME LEAGUE NOTES

THE Kingston Home League has been very busy under the leadership of Secretary Mrs. Wright and Treasurer Mrs. Pickles. Thirty-seven boxes have been sent to the boys overseas, and $35 has been given to the Red Cross. The boxes each contained the following: pair of socks, 3 bars of chocolate, 2 packets of gum, packet of figs, box of Oxo, packet of soup, and two packets of biscuits. Five of the Home League members have got converted, and are becoming Soldiers. One already has been enrolled. We have a membership of 29, and the sum of $294 has been raised this year.—Mrs. Adjutant Smith.

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The members of the Home League at **Bracebridge** are very busy knitting socks for the boys overseas. There are fourteen members, who take a great interest in their work. On Thursday, Dec. 6th, a special meeting was arranged to get money to buy yarn to work with, and a fine crowd filled the Hall. Over $16 was raised, so now we shall be able to do more work. One of our members —Treasurer Mrs. Lynn—had the misfortune to fall and break her leg, which will lay her up for some weeks. We have none to spare, but when circumstances keep them away then the others must go on with the work.—B. L. P.

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On Tuesday, Nov. 27th, while visiting **Port Arthur** Corps, Mrs. Brigadier Taylor met the sisters and friends, and organized the Home League which had been previously started. Although a stormy afternoon, about thirty-six mothers and children turned out to welcome the Divisional Home League Secretary. They had been looking forward to this visit, and were not to be kept back by the weather. An enjoyable time was spent together, Mrs. Brigadier Taylor, in her talk, showing the helpful, practical work which can be accomplished by the League and the blessing it can become to a Corps. Her words were full of encouragement, and the sisters and friends are going in with renewed energy to carry on the work. At the illustrated lecture given by the Brigadier in the evening, a special collection was taken for the purpose of providing the League with material with which to work and make articles for our boys at the front. Mrs. Ensign Allan was appointed Secretary and Sister Mrs. Quigley Treasurer. Mrs. Captain Jones (our Officer) also takes a keen interest in the work of the Home League.

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The Cobourg Home League held a Sale of Work on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 20th-21st. Since the inception of the Home League at Cobourg nearly $100 has been handed into the Corps through the efforts of its members. Twenty-four boxes for soldiers have been sent to our men overseas, and we are now planning to commence work upon socks to send to Chaplain-Captain Steele for distribution. Mrs. Rollings is the energetic Treasurer, and we are in for victory.

THE HALIFAX DISASTER

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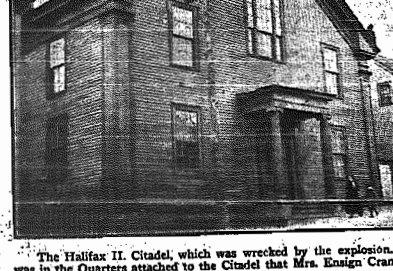
The Women's Home was at once made available for maternity cases, and will be for those whose homes have been destroyed. A number of babies were taken in, who, in the shock of the disaster, had become separated from their families. We are happy to say all have now been claimed.

The No. II. Hall was the only Salvation Army building which was so seriously damaged as to be put out of use. A large kitchen, in order to fit up which work was carried on all night, was fitted up in the No. I. Hall; a range, sinks, etc., being installed. A large building across the street, known as the Free Dispensary, was fitted up as a dormitory, and homeless people slept there and were provided with meals at the Citadel, all being under the charge of Adjutant Hargrove.

Brigadier Betteridge, who was at No. II. Corps on the evening before the explosion had a very narrow escape, which he described in a letter to Mrs. Bettridge, as follows:—

"The home I was staying at was smashed. The lady was injured so I had to bandage her up. I was blown from the dining-room into the lobby, amid all the flying glass from windows and doors, but I never got a scratch. It was awful. There is a big hospital opposite the house, so I ran over there and spent several hours washing blood off men and women and children. It was an awful task. They poured in, covered with blood, eyes blown out, heads cut open, and limbs broken."



The Halifax II. Citadel, which was wrecked by the explosion. It was in the Quarters attached to the Citadel that Mrs. Ensign Cranwell met her end.

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SALVATION ARMY MISSIONARIES

Interesting Competition, with Fifty Dollars in Prizes

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS NEXT WEEK

The jumbled words which have appeared in our two last issues straightened out read "Salvation Army Missionaries."

Next week we will give full particulars of a most interesting Competition which is to be commenced almost immediately, and in connection with which prizes are to be offered totalling Fifty Dollars.

The subject of the Competition will be the Missionary Work of The Salvation Army, and the conditions will be found to be so easy that every reader of "The War Cry" will have an opportunity of competing.

OTHER MEMORIAL SERVICES

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The Chief Secretary conducted the Memorial Service at Lippincott, assisted by Brigadier Morehen. The Band played "Promoted to Glory" and the Corps' Songsters and Territorial Headquarters' Quartette sung appropriate selections.

A graphic description of what he saw in Halifax, following the disaster, was given by the Chief Secretary, who brought out many good spiritual lessons from the various incidents. Three persons knelt at the Mercy Seat.

Mrs. Brigadier Adby led the service at **Dovercourt**, assisted by Adjutant Dunton, Ensign Cranwell, and Captains McCaughey and Wilson. There were two seekers.

Brigadier Attwell was the leader at **West Toronto**, assisted by Captain and Mrs. Leech. The Band and Songsters rendered appropriate music and sung, and six souls came to the Penitent Form.

At **North Toronto**, Ensign Sparks led the meeting, assisted by Captain and Mrs. Cooksey and Adjutant Malone. There were two seekers.

Brigadier and Mrs. Bell, assisted by Brigadier and Mrs. Bettridge, conducted a soul-stirring service at **Parliament Street**. Brigadier Bettridge, having been in Halifax at the time of the disaster, was able to give a graphic account of it. He appealed for the consecration of God's people to the work of extending the Kingdom. Brigadier and Mrs. Bell and their two daughters sang and the Cadets who are attached to the Corps, also rendered an appropriate piece. During the prayer meeting sixteen penitents came forward for Salvation or Holiness.

Major and Mrs. Moore were the leaders at **Chester**. Captains Porter and Bond spoke, and Sister Mrs. Greenaway soloed. Mrs. Moore gave the address, and there were two seekers at the Penitent Form.

Major and Mrs. Jennings were the leaders at **Riverdale**. Mrs. Major McGillivray and Mrs. Major Walton took part in the meeting. Major Jennings, who is well acquainted with Halifax, spoke of the disaster, and pointed out what we might learn through it. There were five seekers.

THE PRAYING LEAGUE

A New Series of Notes by Mrs. Blanche Read-Johnstone

TO COMMENCE NEXT WEEK

We regret that ill-health, as well as pressure of business, has contributed to the temporary cessation of the notes which Mrs. Blanche Read-Johnstone has been contributing to this column, but are also pleased to announce that our comrade has been able to promise to commence a new series with our New Year number, next week.

We are sure all members of the League will unite in praying that Mrs. Johnstone may be fully restored to health and may continue to be blessed by God in all her work for Him. We should be pleased to hear from members of the League from time to time.

OLD SONG EXCHANGE

Mrs. A. J. Best (Treasurer of the Summerside Corps) has sent us the words of the song, "Beautiful Day," which a reader has asked for. This is it:—

BEAUTIFUL DAY

Beautiful day, lovely thy light
Holy each ray, nothing like night;
Cloudless the sky, peaceful my stay
Here in the sunlight of beautiful day.

CHORUS

Beautiful day, beautiful day;
Evermore shine on my way.
Saviour, I pray, keep me alway,
Safe on this beautiful day!

Beautiful day, calm was thy dawn,
Joyous the lay, blessed the morn;
When in my heart, over my way,
First shone the sunlight of beautiful day.

Beautiful day, perfectly bright,
Jesus alway, boundless delight;
Bliss all around, Heaven by the way,
Shining in fulness, Ah! beautiful day!

Beautiful day, heaven of rest;
Every one may come and be blest;
Glory to God, naught can dismay,
Christ is the light of this beautiful day.

COUNCILS AT GUELPH

Large Crowds Attracted to the Meetings.

The Monthly Councils of the Hamilton Division were held at Guelph. The Winter Fair being in progress, Lieut.-Colonel Chandler saw a chance to extend the Kingdom of God. Large crowds were attracted, especially in the open-air meeting at night.

Two very helpful Councils were conducted by the Colonel assisted by Mrs. Chandler and Major McAmmond. The importance of our Work was emphasized, and we closed with a stronger determination to advance.

At night a fine crowd gathered in the Citadel. There certainly was not a dull moment as the various Officers spoke and sang. Socks for the soldiers in France were asked for, and many responses made. The Colonel gave a heart-searching address to the unsaved.

Many were the expressions of gratitude to Ensign and Mrs. Speller and their workers for the way in which they catered to the needs of the visiting Officers.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Commissioner Sowton desires to thank the following for their gifts for the boys at the front: Edmonton I., 5 pairs socks, 5 pairs mitts; Mrs. Facey, Winnipeg III., 1 pair socks; Winnipeg I. Home League, 8 pairs socks; Winnipeg II. Home League, 3 pairs socks.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "THE WAR CRY"

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PROMOTED TO GLORY

Mrs. Ensign Cranwell, Killed in the Halifax Explosion

THE ENSIGN DESCRIBES HIS HARROWING EXPERIENCES

ENSIGN CRANWELL, when interviewed by a "Cry" representative in Toronto regarding his sad experiences in the Halifax disaster, though still evidently suffering very greatly from the shock of the loss he had suffered, related the following heart-touching story:—

"We were nearly through breakfast on that fateful morning," he said, "when I heard the fire reels rush by. I went to the door to see if I could discover where the fire was. A lot of smoke was hanging over the harbour. Returning to the dining room I was about to commence family prayer, when there was a tremendous concussion, and I was blown about twelve feet away, right into the front room. I thought at first that the city was being bombarded, and yelled to my wife to come my way, as I thought that the safest place.

"Getting no answer, I went back to the dining room and was horrified to see Mrs. Cranwell bleeding severely from many wounds. She had the baby in her arms, and I heard afterwards from others who were in the house that her first words were, 'Where's my baby?' She rushed to pick the little one up. It was uninjured, though the feeding bottle had been blown from its mouth.

"Seeing that Mrs. Cranwell was badly hurt, I rushed out to find a doctor. Immediately on gaining the street I realized something of the extent of the disaster. A terrible scene of devastation met my eye in every direction, and people were frantically rushing about uttering pitiful cries. I failed to secure a doctor, and returned to the house just as Mrs. Cranwell was breathing her last. To friends around her she said: 'Is the Ensign safe? Is the baby all right? Oh, I'm choking!'

"Guard Chaplain Mrs. Shepperd and Mrs. Tufts came in shortly after the explosion to see what aid they could render."

Ensign Cranwell and the Late Mrs. Cranwell

The Ensign, we have gathered from other sources, when he realized how many others had suffered loss and needed help, was one of the most ardent workers, forgetting his own sorrow in caring for others. The Chief Secretary, in speaking of him in this connection, was especially warm in his praise. The first thing the Ensign did, when he found his beloved wife was beyond human aid, was to start off on his motorcycle to see if any other Officers were in need of help. Through the debris-strewn streets he made his way to the Divisional Headquarters, then on to the Children's Home in Tower Road.

Beyond having windows and dishes broken and doors blown in, it had escaped damage. The inmates were all safe. At the house of Staff-Captain Byers he found the same condition of affairs. Travelling on to the house of Major and Mrs. Crichton he found that they had suffered slightly through flying bits of glass, and that Mrs. Crichton had been cut in her arm.

"The Major," continued the Ensign, "went back with me to our Quarters. We found two military men on guard in the street. They shouted to us to go to the Common as the magazine was momentarily expected to explode. Happily, however, this did not happen, owing to the devotion of several soldiers, who risked their lives in order to flood the magazine.

"I insisted on entering the building in order to obtain my wife's body. The soldiers were very sympathetic and stopped a team, on which we placed the body and drove to the undertaker's. It was a most harrowing experience, and I can yet hardly realize that she has gone. It seems like some awful dream to me."

We inquired if any of the Soldiers were killed or injured, and the Ensign said that Sisters Vincent and Grey and Guard Roberts were seriously hurt, and had to be taken to the hospital. Many others were cut and bruised and shocked by the explosion. The No. II. Citadel, he said, had been very badly wrecked.

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Mrs. Ensign Cranwell's Career

Mrs. Ensign Cranwell (nee Miss Ricker) was a native of Dunnville (Ont.). She was on her way to a church service one night when she passed a Salvation Army open-air. The stand for God taken by the Salvationists greatly impressed her, and she felt that she was not confessing Christ as she ought. She began attending the meetings, and her definite conversion followed.

As a Junior Worker she proved invaluable in the small local Corps. Then she moved to Toronto and became a Soldier of the Dovercourt Corps. The Juniors again claimed her best efforts, but in addition she was a "War Cry" Sergeant and a Songster.

On becoming an Officer she went to the St. John Division, and was stationed at several Corps. Married in April, 1912, to Ensign Cranwell, she proved a tower of strength to her husband in all their appointments—which included Lindsay, Sudbury, and Halifax If.

TRAINING GARRISON NOTES

Canada West

Praise God! for three souls at Fort Rouge Corps last Sunday night. Cadet C. R., while out selling "War Crys," came to a house where a coloured girl was working as servant. She could not buy a "War Cry," but told the Cadet that she had seen the advertisement that The Salvation Army was giving a Christmas dinner to the poor, and that she was going to give something toward that. She does not get a fixed wage, but receives pocket money from her uncle occasionally, and she had made up her mind to give it to the first Salvationist she saw. This girl came from Jamaica, and told of the wonderful work The Army is doing there.

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The Cadet then asked her if she was saved, the reply was, "I cannot say I know I'm saved, but I am trying to please God." She was pointed to Christ, and a definite work was done in her heart. Her testimony before the Cadet left was that she had the peace of God in her heart, which passeth all understanding.

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Our heartfelt sympathy goes out toward Cadet Reeves and the family in the loss of her brother, who was recently killed at the front.

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On Nov. 28th we had our first Spiritual Day, and it proved a great blessing and help to all. The Commissioner's talk on "The Army Spirit" was very inspiring.—R. & Y.

SUCCESSFUL MUSICALS

Are Given by Life-Saving Scouts and Guards of Woodstock, Ont.

The first of our Winter Musicals, which are held at Woodstock every two weeks, was taken by the Life-Saving Scout Band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Manning. He was assisted by Scout Leader Gainey, while Rev. Gaetz presided.

On Thursday, Nov. 29th, the second Musical was given by the Life-Saving Guards, with Guard Leader McCrindle and Assistant Leader Ransom as their leaders. Captain Mapp presided, and the Guards put on a programme of work for her inspection.

WHAT'S DOING ROUND THE WORLD

RE-BUILDING HALIFAX

PLANS for the re-building of the devastated portions of Halifax are already under consideration. A report has been submitted to the Board of Control by Mr. Thomas Adams (town-planning expert of the Conservation Commission). It goes into considerable details, showing the magnitude of the problem with which Halifax is confronted.

A permanent commission will be formed to deal with all matters pertaining to the re-building of the destroyed portion of the city, and with all problems which are the outcome of the recent disaster.

MAILS BY AIR

LORD MONTAGU, speaking recently in Toronto, predicted that the time was not far distant when areoplanes would be used to carry the mails around the world.

He stated that he was a member of a committee in London which has under consideration a scheme for the establishment of an Imperial aircraft service when the roar of guns in the war zone ceases. He believed that all the colonies of the British Empire should be linked up in the scheme. "Commercially the airplane will play a wonderful part in the development of the business life of Canada after the war," said Lord Montagu.

CONTROLLING GREEN-GROCERS

THE Food Controller announces that on and after Feb. 1st, 1918, all fruit and vegetable dealers will require a license to carry on their business. Any attempt at speculation, or the taking of undue profits by any license-holder, may result in the immediate suspension or cancellation of such license.

The regulation of the wholesale trade is expected to result in the more efficient and less costly distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables, to eliminate speculation, and to protect the legitimate dealers against unfair competition by those employing improper methods. A license fee of $10 or $20 will be charged, depending upon the class or subclass in which the applicant belongs.

THE SUGAR SITUATION

FOR the coming year (says the Canadian "Food Bulletin") it is believed that there will be ample supplies of sugar to meet the requirements of all the allied countries, including Canada and the United States. Indeed, it is expected that prices for next year will be below those that have ruled during the present season.

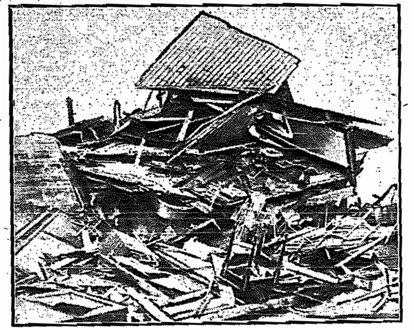
With the arrival of Sir Joseph White-Todd and Mr. John V. Drake (the British members of the International Sugar Commission, which will do all the buying for the allies) the control of all sugar supplies now centres in one organization.

PROHIBITION TRIUMPH

BY a vote of 282 to 128, the United States House of Representatives has favoured nation-wide Prohibition. The Senate must now approve of the measure and the different States ratify it.

HELPING THE FARMERS

IN order to assist in the campaign for greater production of food animals, the Food Controller announces that no bran and shorts will be allowed to be exported until the Canadian requirements are fully met. The Food Controller is also considering the question of fixing prices for such feed, but in any case it will be made available to the farmers at the lowest possible cost, and the profits of the dealers may be fixed as soon as information from the several Provinces is secured in response to inquiries which have been sent out.



A Wrecked House at Halifax

Nothing could better illustrate the devastation wrought in the Richmond District than the above picture. Hundreds of homes have been demolished in this manner.

MEAT SAVING NECESSARY

MR. HENRY BRANCHER, who purchased supplies for the Allies in Argentina last year, and who is now returning to Argentina after having spent several weeks in Great Britain, was in Winnipeg recently, and made some interesting statements in the course of an interview.

He said: "If I might venture to make a suggestion to the live stock men of Western Canada, it would be to increase live stock production in every possible way.

"To the women of Western Canada, I would like to say, 'Save meat in every possible way.' What meat has cost or what it may cost in the future is not, after all, the vital thing, though I admit it is a very serious matter. The really vital matter is to preserve food, and have it for the men in the trenches. Matters of price and of profit can be adjusted later, but if, through any slackness of the women of Canada, the actual food is wasted or lost, the loss is irredeemable, and it is the men in the trenches who must suffer."

VALUE OF SCRAPS

IF we have learned nothing else, we have learned the value of the stock pot in our larders since the war began (says a writer in the Toronto "Mail and Empire"). Even the remains of oatmeal porridge, bacon rind, scraps of vegetables and bones, when boiled long enough and then strained, make most delicious soup.

This snowy weather the children's boots would be made much more water-tight by being rubbed over with a little melted fat or oil. This also prolongs the life of the leather, which is a consideration these days.

Many ways of using scraps of soap have been adopted by the thrifty housewife. One of the simplest is to save the pieces until two or three handfuls are accumulated, then put into a stone jar, or tin, and fill with boiling water, stirring until melted. When cold you have a splendid soap jelly, which is excellent for washing flannels.

Even broken china can be used to feed your fowls—occasionally! The next time a plate is broken try smashing it almost to powder and throw it to the hens. The lime and clay in earthenware and china is very good for them and they enjoy pecking at it. The fowls lay much better for an occasional tonic of broken plates!

SHOULD BE REPORTED

THE Food Controller states that there is no intention, and never has been any intention, to commandeer private supplies of canned fruit, and that persons claiming power to enter private houses under authority of the Food Controller should be reported to the nearest police authorities.

SOME POINTED QUESTIONS

What is it lies at the root of spiritual failure?

Has God been able to work in you to will and to do of His good pleasure?

Why is self-will so condemned by God?

See "Stronghold of the Human Will," Mrs. General Booth—Page 2.

HYGIENIC HOMES

THE need of hygienic homes for the people is a question that is now coming to the front.

"It avails comparatively little (says H. A. Bruce in the Toronto "Star") to establish hygiene conditions in factories, stores, and offices, unless and until hygienic conditions are also generally established in the homes of the workers. And even today workers' homes often are easily unhygienic. Sometimes this is the fault of the workers themselves—sometimes it is the fault of other people. Workers thus housed must suffer in health and efficiency. In so far as they do suffer, the municipal, building, and health authorities and the gold-greedy landlords must share the responsibility.

"But frequently, be it at once added, the workers themselves are responsible for unhygienic housing. They fail to keep good homes clean. They crowd together needlessly. They are not sufficiently particular about ventilation. They let dust that is possibly germ-laden accumulate everywhere. Even the window panes of their homes become so grimy that the strength-giving sunlight can scarcely force an entrance. Sometimes these unhygienic ways are due to sheer ignorance. But they may be due to wilful indifference. Whatever the cause, the unhygienic workers need to have hygienic habits inculcated in them."

WORK FOR THE BLIND

WORK that can be done by blind persons quite as well as by the seeing is the making of certain electrical apparatus, according to Dr. Wheeler of New York. It is the winding of wire coils for armatures and similar devices, including the insulation of the wires by wrapping them with tape. This work is exactly suited to the blind; they do it rapidly and well, and it is no charity to pay them for it at exactly the same rate as the seeing workman.

The experiment has already been tried in a New Jersey factory, and declared to be a success. In an interview the Doctor says: "The success of our experiment will make the way clear for the authorities to take up the matter. Then the war-blind will become of use to their countries and will cease to be a burden. Furthermore, steady and remunerative employment will make these blind soldiers independent, and this is the greatest feature of it all, for there is nothing so pathetic as the dependent hero."

It is expected that blinded soldiers from the armies of the Allies will soon be receiving instruction at the "Double-Duty Finger Guild." When these are proficient they will return to their various countries and carry on the work of making the blind self-supporting by instructing others who are war-blind.

A MOTHER'S ADVICE

"IF," said a wise mother, "children were trained to find their happiness in the simple things, to take an interest in the little dramas of life about them, the movements of birds and animals, and the growth of trees and plants, what a much pleasanter world it would be!

"As it is, there is a general craving for exciting forms of enjoyment. We need the 'simple life' quite as much in our pleasures as in our daily fare."

OUR NEW SERIAL

WINNING OUT

A STORY OF PIONEER LIFE IN WESTERN CANADA

By S. A. KIRKSPEN, Author of "A Maltese Romance," "A Vagrant's Vagaries," and Other Stories

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

Attracted by the prospects of the Canadian West, Jim Stewart and Bill Thorpe, two Ontario farmers, decide to take up homesteads in Manitoba. They start out for Winnipeg in the year 189- leaving their wives and children to follow later when they had succeeded in making homes.

CHAPTER III.

CROSSING THE PRAIRIES

THE railway trip from Ontario to Winnipeg was the easiest part of the journey that Jim Stewart and Bill Thorpe had undertaken. The immediate problem before them now was how to reach Rapid City, a settlement some 125 miles further west, where Jim's brother had taken up a homestead.

The two men discussed several plans for reaching their final destination, and at last decided to try and hire a man and a team. Some days elapsed, however, before they came across anyone who was willing to take them as far as they desired to go, for the price they were able to pay. Finally, they secured transportation of themselves and all their belongings as far as Portage la Prairie by doubling up with two other men who were going West.

A Dreary-looking Scene

The snow had not completely gone from the prairies, patches of white showing here and there amid the dead grasses which lay bleached and flattened out by the storms of winter. It was a dreary-looking scene, and as they slowly traversed the wide expanse, seeing signs of human habitation only at intervals, they felt somewhat oppressed by a sense of loneliness. The vastness and lifelessness of the seemingly never-ending vista of grassy wastes appalled them by its very monotony. They felt that they were up against the great forces of Nature and that the odds were too much for them.

"I almost feel like turning round and going back to Ontario again," remarked Jim, as the day drew to a close and the party were camped out on the prairie.

"So do I, mate," replied Bill. "From what I heard in Winnipeg, I gathered that the life of a homesteader is not so easy as you and I thought it would be. There's a lot more risks in farming out here than back in Ontario. You're liable to be hailed out, weeded out, burnt out, or frozen out, they say, and then you've either got to get out or go into debt to the money-lending sharks. Lots of folks get discouraged every year and hike to other parts, that guy at the livery was telling me."

The Teamster's Advice

"You fellers ortn't to git cold feet afore you've tried you're luck," broke in the driver of the team. "All wot you say may be true, but there's another side to the picture. I've known fellers come out here with only a few hundred dollars, and in three or four years they've put up a decent house, and a barn, bought live stock and machinery, and are now fairly well off. If they do get a bad season it don't ruin 'em, and they make up for it the following year. It's pretty tough luck, though, if a feller loses his crops the first year and hasn't any cash to carry him over to the next season. But you have to take a chance on that."

"What cud a feller do if he didn't strike it lucky the first year?" asked Bill.

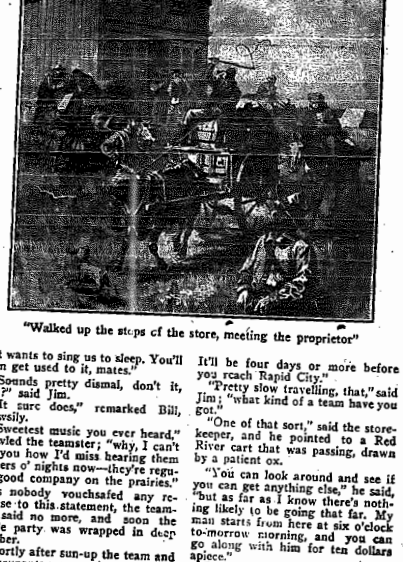
"Do? Oh, why lots of things," replied the teamster. "He's no call to go and drown himself or run home to his mammy if things don't go right. He could work in a railway gang, or go to the lumber woods, or hire out to a rich farmer."

The teamster's covert sneer in his reference to "running home to mammy" was not lost on his two listeners. Perhaps it was just the kind of tonic they needed in their present mood. Anyhow, neither of them said any more about turning back, and the conversation drifted into other channels.

Presently they all settled down to obtain some sleep, but a dismal howling close by disturbed them.

"What's that?" asked Jim.

"Only a coyote," said the teamster, "He's a harmless critter, though—just wants to sing us to sleep. You'll soon get used to it, mates."



"Walked up the steps of the store, meeting the proprietor"

"Sounds pretty dismal, don't it, Bill?" said Jim.

"It sure does," remarked Bill, drowsily.

"Sweetest music you ever heard," growled the teamster; "why, I can't tell you how I'd miss hearing them critters o' nights now—they're regular good company on the prairies."

As nobody vouchsafed any response to this statement, the teamster said no more, and soon the whole party was wrapped in deep slumber.

Shortly after sun-up the team and its occupants were again on the trail—closely following the course of the Assiniboine River, and late that afternoon the travellers reached Portage la Prairie.

This place was just a village in those days, but it was growing like Jonah's gourd, and new houses were being erected with wonderful rapidity. The teamster pulled up before a frame building fitted with a false front, across the top of which the words, "Pioneer Store," were painted in big, bold letters.

"This is as far as I go this trip, boys," he said, "you'll have to rustle up another team to take you further west."

Jim and Bill alighted from the wagon and walked up the steps of the store, meeting the proprietor in the doorway.

"What chance is there of getting a team to take us to Rapid City?" asked Jim.

"Wal, I've got a man going there to-morrow," replied the storekeeper, "and seeing he hasn't a very big load, you might go with him if you're not in a tearing hurry."

"Oh, one day's wait won't make much difference to us," said Jim.

"Isn't the waiting here I was thinking of," said the storekeeper; "it's the time the journey'll take. It'll be four days or more before you reach Rapid City."

"Pretty slow travelling, that," said Jim; "what kind of a team have you got."

"One of that sort," said the storekeeper, and he pointed to a Red River cart that was passing, drawn by a patient ox.

"You can look around and see if you can get anything else," he said, "but as far as I know there's nothing likely to be going that far. My man starts from here at six o'clock to-morrow morning, and you can go along with him for ten dollars apiece."

The two men decided to accept this offer, and at once set about pitching their tent for the night. Early next morning they were on hand at the store and were soon travelling westward again in the slow-moving Red River cart.

This conveyance was a primitive-looking affair, with great, broad, wooden wheels that creaked and groaned as they revolved. Not an ounce of iron had been used in the construction of the cart, but the wood was of extreme toughness and capable of enduring much wear and tear. For crossing "sloughs" it was much more serviceable than an ordinary cart, which would soon sink to the hubs in an extra soft place.

Stirring Tales of Hunting

The driver of this cart was a half-breed, who had formerly been in the employ of the Hudson Bay Co., and he relieved the tedious hours by relating many stirring tales of hunting for fur-bearing animals in the great lone lands to the north.

On the second day of their journey Jim's attention was drawn to some little blue and purple flowers that dotted the district through which they were passing. He noticed that the leaves of the plant appeared to be dead.

"That's funny," he said to the driver. "I always thought the leaves came before the flowers, but out here it seems the other way about."

"Oh, that's nothing strange," said the driver, "that's what we call the crocus. Farmer's always glad to see him—spring soon be here now."

And that little incident, simple though it might appear, brought great cheer to Jim's heart. A day or two before, when gazing out at the flat expanse of prairie, all of a sameness and all apparently lifeless, he had felt a sinking feeling come over him. All was death and dreariness in this great lonely land, he had thought. But now, behold, life was springing out of death, a harbinger of more abundant life to come. The thought wonderfully cheered Jim, and all thoughts of turning back were banished from his mind. Had he been a converted man at that time we might have said of him that "he thanked God and took courage." Jim did not think of God a great deal in those days, however. His whole mind was taken up with the idea of worldly prosperity. But later in life he learned to acknowledge God's goodness to him and to return thanks to Him who had guided and guarded him from the cradle to manhood.

Arrival at Rapid City

At length, after four and a half days of crawling across the prairie, Rapid City came in sight. It was a city in name only, consisting of a few log huts and some tents. Jim enquired for his brother Ted and learned that he was "hatching it" on a homestead about three miles from the settlement. Leaving their few belongings in charge of a storekeeper, Jim and Bill tramped out to Ted's homestead that afternoon.

They found him living in a sod house, the only furniture being a stove, a camp cot, and a few boxes. At the moment of their arrival he was engaged in making tea and "flapjacks" for his evening meal.

"Wal, now, boys, so here you are at last, eh?" he said, without evidencing much surprise at their sudden appearance. "I was kinder expecting you some time this month. Walk right in now and make yourselves at home. You're welcome to every thing I've got in the place. Just in time for supper, too, but seeing that there's only one cup and one plate in the shack, we'll have to all dip in together, unless you've brought you're own crockery along. No, well, never mind; p'raps I can fish up a couple of empty salmon cans that'll do for the time being. Sit down, boys, sit down! Well, and how's all the folks keeping way back East? Tell us all the news."

And thus Jim and Bill were welcomed to the great West!

(To be continued)

PARAGRAPHETTES

PERSONAL AND NEWSY

(Continued from Page 3)

By permission of the London Hospital which recently in a recent issue of The War Cry was taken by Mr. Leslie Edy, Mrs. Captain Fryde, who has many relatives in Halifax, went to the stricken city soon after receiving the news of the disaster. She found that two nieces had been killed and her sister and other relatives left homeless.

Captain Sweet (Glintoe) wishes to thank her many friends and comrades for their kind sympathy in her recent bereavement in the death of her father.

Owing to pressure on space, due to the Halifax disaster, we have been reluctantly obliged to hold over till next week the second part of the article entitled "Twenty-Lane Breakers."

Lieutenant Fred Jennings (R.F.C.), son of Major and Mrs. Jennings, said farewell to overseas at the Toronto Temple on Sunday, Dec. 16th.

CANADA WEST

Commissioner and Mrs. Sowton will conduct a service at Stoney Mountain Penitentiary on Sunday, January 20th.

The Commissioner will preside at the Winnipeg I. Young People's Demonstration on Monday, December 31st. He will also present the prizes.

The Chief Secretary visited The Pas, in the Nor'land, Manitoba, recently.

Lieut.-Colonel Turner conducted meetings at Prince Albert, on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15th-16th. He also visited Duck Lake, Sask.

Brigadier Taylor accompanied the Commissioner during his recent visit to Brandon.

Thirteen Young People came forward at a meeting conducted by Brigadier Blake a short time ago.

The following are the dates of the Young People's Days throughout the Territory: Winnipeg, Sunday, February 17th; Regina, Sunday, 24th; Calgary, Sunday, March 3rd; Vancouver, Sunday, 10th; Victoria, Sunday, 17th.

(Concluded on Col. 4)

Christmas "War Cry" Drive

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PUBLISHER

IT would have been a pleasure to give a comprehensive survey of the actual sales in both the Western and Eastern Territories, but as this note is being written on Dec. 18th, and further orders are looked for from several Corps, it would be better to postpone the final word until next week's issue goes to press.

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All that can be said, therefore, is that we shall spend the coming Christmas mighty glad that all the worry and anxiety is over, more! mightily glad that we will have sold close unto 17,000 copies more than we did last year, and most mightily glad that business appears to be more flourishing than for many years.

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The only fly in the ointment is that a few Eastern Corps did not receive their shipment of "Crys" in good time. The fault is not ours, but must be placed on the shoulders of the railway companies. We have learnt our lesson, and will govern ourselves accordingly next time.

Till next week, then, farewell! And a happy New Year to you all!

CUTS OF OFFICERS' PORTRAITS

If all Officers whose Corps sell 1,500 or more copies of the Christmas "War Cry" will send their photos to the Editor before Saturday, January 12th, we will publish them in our pages, and make a present of the Cuts to the senders

It will be noticed we have extended the time a week

"NEVER ASKED US"

But Invitation Was Soon Given

When he prayed, he could not hear his own voice for the uproar that resulted. His persistence won its way; and there came a night when some of his mates were "standing to" to go up the line. They gladly knelt with our comrade whilst he prayed that God would go with them.

Next night our comrade and another knelt and prayed after the lights were out. They were surprised to hear a voice from beneath blankets which covered a very "hard nut," say in an aggrieved tone, "Well, you never ask us to pray." The invitation was joyfully given, and two men got to their knees!

PARAGRAPHETTES

(Continued from Col. 1)

Toronto, Sunday, 27th; Edmonton, Sunday, 24th; Saskatoon, Sunday, 31st.

Adjutant J. Habkirk has been appointed Young People's Secretary for the Saskatchewan Division. The Adjutant will, in addition to his Secretarial duties, have certain responsibilities in connection with Property Schemes in this thriving Province.

A bright baby boy has arrived at the Quarters of Captain and Mrs. Kitson of Selkirk, Man.

The sad news has reached Mrs. Adjutant Carter (Matron of the Detention Home, Winnipeg), that her brother, who was captain of a Government tug, met his death in the terrible catastrophe at Halifax.

Captain T. Mundy (Calgary II.) will take up the duties of Ensign Gray (Alberta Divisional Headquarters). The Ensign will shortly take a Field appointment.

Adjutant Pugmire has just completed a half-yearly audit. In connection with his tour, the Adjutant conducted a number of meetings.

Ex-Mayor Waugh of Winnipeg recently received word that his son has been killed in action. Another son was wounded a short time ago. Pray for all those that mourn.

Ensign H. White has been appointed (pro tem) to the Trade Department.

Captain Todhunter has been taken very sick, and has gone on rest with her sister at St. John, N.B. Captain English has gone on furlough with her.

We are glad to learn that Ensign Rickell is improving in her health.

Welcome! Captains Bellamy and Crockett, have been transferred to Canada West. They have been appointed to Winnipeg VIII. and II., respectively.

Captain and Mrs. Cooper (Winnipeg VIII.) have been appointed to assist Major Sims at the St. James Hotel, Winnipeg.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Twenty-five dollars, with thanks, from "Bob."

TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Price List of Uniform for Men Officers and Soldiers

Also Business Suits

	2-piece Suit	Coat	Pants	Frock Suit	Frock Coat	Business 2-p'ce Suit	Vest
Cloth No. 5	$37.75	$26.00	$11.75	$43.25	$31.50	$37.75	$8.00
Cloth No. 4	34.00	24.00	10.00	39.50	29.50	34.00	7.50
Cloth No. 7	33.50	23.75	9.75	39.00	29.25	33.50	7.50
Congress " No. 54	30.50	21.00	9.50	36.00	26.50	30.50	6.50
Grey Cloth	27.25	19.00	8.75	32.75	24.00	27.25	6.00
" No. 9	28.00	19.00	9.00	33.50	24.50	28.00	6.00
F 107	25.00	17.50	7.50	30.50	23.00	25.00	5.50
	22.25	16.00	6.25	27.75	21.50	22.25	4.50

	Vest or Cassock	With Crest
No. R2	$6.00	$7.00
No. R1	5.50	6.50

These Prices are subject to ten per cent. discount

Cost of Officer's Uniform Trimmings Extra—Prices Upon Application

Ladies Tailoring Prices—Net

This is an excellent list from which to select your Winter or Spring Coat.

	No. 4	No. 7	S.Serge	Cong.	No. 54	Cravy	No. F107
Long Coat	$37.50	$36.50	$36.00	$34.50	$31.50	$28.00	$25.00
¾ Coat	29.50	28.50	26.50	26.00	25.75	22.00	20.75
Short Coat	26.75	25.75	24.25	23.75	21.75	20.25	18.75
Coat Suit	44.75	42.00	40.50	39.50	35.50	32.50	29.75
Sep. Skirt	21.25	19.00	18.00	17.50	15.00	13.50	12.00

Price List of Band Suits—Lined

	Suit	Coat only	Pants only
No. 5	$37.75	$26.00	$11.75
No. 4	34.00	24.00	10.00
No. 7	32.75	23.00	9.75
Grey Cloth	28.00	19.00	9.00
No. 9	25.00	17.50	7.50
F 107	22.50	16.00	6.50

Special attention given to the making of Business Suits for Soldiers and Friends. Fit and workmanship will give every satisfaction.

Price List of Band Suits—Unlined

	Suit	Coat only	Pants only
No. 5	$34.75	$23.00	$11.75
No. 4	31.00	21.00	10.00
No. 7	30.50	20.75	9.75
Grey Cloth	25.50	16.00	9.00
No. 9	22.50	14.50	7.50
F 107	18.50	13.00	6.50
Red Cloth	—	0.50	—

Trimming for Tunic $4.00 Braid for Pants $1.00

Ten per cent. discount allowed on Band Suit, but not on Trimmings

Special Prices of Overcoats (Net)

Do not neglect to order one of these Overcoats. Attention is called to the "Beaver No. 1"—this is special value and is selling very fast.

Frieze No. 1	$25.00	Beaver No. 1	$27.00
Frieze No. 2	26.00	Beaver No. 2	27.50
Chinchilla	26.00	Beaver No. 3	35.00

Prices of L.-S. Scout Leaders' Suits (Net)

	F107	No. 6	No. 8	No. 7
Coat	$19.00	$18.25	$21.00	$26.35
Breeches	7.50	7.50	8.50	9.50
Suit	26.50	23.75	29.50	35.85

Women's Dresses and Speaker Suits (Net)

The work of this Department is giving excellent satisfaction. You will make no mistake in placing your order with us for one of these good Dress or Speaker Suits—DO IT NOW!

	Staff Serge	Cong.	Crav.	A1	F1	F2	Cash.	Lustre
Speaker Suit	$34.00	$33.00	$27.00	$27.00	$27.00	$27.00	— —	— —
Speaker Coat	19.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	— —
Dress	26.00	26.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	20.75	14.00	14.00
Blouse	11.00	10.75	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	6.25	6.50

ADDRESS ORDERS TO Trade Secretary, Salvation Army Headquarters, James and Albert Sts., Toronto

WE ARE
Looking For You

We will search for missing persons in any part of the globe, befriend and, as far as possible, assist anyone in difficulty. Address, LIEUT.-COLONEL R. HARGRAVE, James and Albert Streets, Toronto, marked "Enquiry" on envelope.

One Dollar should be sent with every case, where possible, to help defray expenses. In case of reproduction of Photograph, $3 extra.

Officers, Soldiers, and Friends are requested to assist us by looking regularly through the Missing Column, and to notify Lieut.-Colonel Hargrave if able to give information concerning any case, always stating name and number of same.

ARTHUR MARINIUS ALFSEN (No. 11418). Last heard of at Christmas time, 1913. Was then mate on board the "Geo. B. Cluett," sailing for an English Mission. Aged mother in Norway very anxious for news.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS (No. 11417). Age 42, height 6 ft. black hair, dark brown eyes, light complexion. Last known address was Rogers' Wool Factory, Toronto, Canada. Friends in England anxious for news.

MRS. J. W. CRATE (No. 11428). Last heard of in January, 1911, when she was living in Cobourg, Ont. Age 30, height 5 ft. 6 in., brown hair, blue eyes; domestic. Husband was a captain on a steamer on Lake Superior. Soldier brother enquires.

CHARLES JAMES VOUTOUR (No. 11411). Age 23, height 5 ft. 9 in., dark complexion and hair, brown eyes, scar on upper lip. Missing since Christmas, 1916. Wife very anxious for news.

CHARLES HENRY McCARTHY (No. 11413). Age 14, height a little over 5 ft., weight 85 lbs., fair complexion and hair, blue eyes. Sometimes called Fegan. Missing since April 14th, 1917.

G. W. OVERBOUGH (No. 11294). Age over 60, height 5 ft. 6 in., weight 147 lbs., dark hair, blue eyes. Left Frankford, Ont., about a year ago. Wife very anxious for news.

MRS. T. HIRD (No. 11166). Missing for over a year. Last known to be living on Erie Terrace, Gerrard Street East, Toronto. Sister in England enquires.

WAYLESS EDWIN CONRAD (No. 11274). Age 22, height 5 ft. 4 in., weight 170 lbs., fair complexion, light brown hair, blue eyes, mark on index finger of right hand; laborer by occupation. Missing 2½ years. Mother very anxious for news.

JOHN JOHNSON (No. 11381). Nearly 70 years' old. Printer by trade. Five years ago he worked at the "Monetary Times" in Toronto. Sister very anxious for news.

HJALMAR THOMSEN (No. 11431). Left United States in 1914 for Canada. Age 28. Norwegian, medium height, dark complexion. Alias Hjalmar Kvale.

EDWARD MORRISON (No. 11407). Age 40, height about 6 ft., brown hair; last finger on right hand crooked. Was for three or four years in the service of the United States army. Chicago friends enquire.

WILLIAM HENRY ZINGERS (No. 11257). Missing since February, 1910. Iron moulder by trade. Age 31, height 5 ft. 8 in., brown hair and eyes, dark complexion. Parents in England anxious for news.

PETER HERMAN MICHEL JAHN (No. 11321). Dark brown eyes and hair, dark complexion, height 5 ft. 5 in.; tattooed on one arm with a lady's head and on the other with a pot of flowers. Widowed mother very anxious for news.

JOHN WILLIAM EDWIN BENNETT (No. 11185). Age 34, height 5 ft. 7 in., light brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion. A motor and cycle mechanic by trade. Came to Canada from New Zealand about three years ago. Wife in England very anxious for news.

HARRY FRANKLYN PHILLIPS (No. 11412). Alias BRYANT. Canadian. Age 18, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 140 lbs., dark complexion and hair, brown eyes. Machinist by trade. Missing since April, 1917.

KATE RICE (No. 11305). Came to Canada some years ago under auspices of Dr. Barnardo's Home. Was married in September, 1908, to Mr. W. G. Sanderson. Sister in England very anxious for news.

GEORGE GIBBS (No. 11273). Age 40, height 5 ft. 9 in., formerly of Merritt, B.C., later in Seattle. Cook and baker by trade. Walter T. Robb, Barrister, Dunnville, Ont., desires information.

MRS. F. T. WILLIAMS (No. 11270). Last known address was Paris, Ont. Missing for six and a half years. Age 19, height 5 ft. 1 in., weight 115 lbs., dark complexion and hair. Friends enquire.

JOSEPH BOWLES (No. 11325). Age 47, very fair, height 5 ft. 9 in., blue eyes; a musician, mechanic by trade. Last heard of in Boston, U.S.A. Friend in South Africa anxious for news.

FOR OUR BOYS IN FRANCE

We would remind our readers that Captain Steele (our Chaplain in the front-line trenches in France) is in urgent need of comforts for the Canadian soldiers amongst whom he works. Woollen socks and mitts are particularly needed.

Send all articles to Mrs. Commissioner Richards, Territorial Headquarters, Toronto, and they will be forwarded to the front.

SONGS OF SALVATION

HE BORE ALL OUR SINS

Tunes—Christ for me, 124; What's the news, 126.

The Saviour laid His crown aside—
For the Cross;
And there for all the world He diied
On the Cross;
His cheeks were smote, His flesh was torn,
His sacred temples felt the thorn,
While heaven and earth in darkness mourn
Round the Cross!

Our sins were all upon Him laid
On the Cross;
For all He hath Salvattion made
On the Cross;
His pierced feet, His hands and side,
Pour forth Redemption's healing tide, [wide
Life's cleansing fount was opened
On the Cross!

Oh, haste, my soul, and see Him die
On the Cross;
Hark! hear that last expiring cry
On the Cross;
He says: "I suffered this for thee;
Approach in faith the blood-stained tree,
And thou shalt My Salvation see"—
On the Cross!

HE DIED FOR SINNERS

Tunes—Sovereignty, 119; Madrid, No. 117.

Would Jesus have the sinner die?
Why bangs He then on yonder tree? cry?
What means that strange, expiring
Sinners, He prays for you and me.
"Forgive them, Father, Oh, forgive!
They know not that by Me they live!"

Thou loving, all-atoning Lamb!
Thee—by Thy painful agony,
Thy bloody sweat, Thy grief and shame,
Thy cross, and passion on the tree,
Thy precious death and life—I pray,
Take all, take all my sins away!

Oh, let Thy love my heart constrain,
Thy love for every sinner free;
That every fallen soul of man
May taste the grace that found out me; [prove
That all mankind with me may
Thy sovereign, everlasting love!

I PUT MY TRUST IN THEE

Tunes—He lives, 136; Come on, my partners, 137.

But can it be that I should prove
For ever faithful to Thy love,
From sin for ever cease?
I thank Thee for the blessed hope;
It lifts my drooping spirit up,
It gives me back my peace!

I rest in Thine almighty power;
The name of Jesus is a tower,
That hides my life above:
Thou canst, Thou wilt my helper be,
My confidence is all in Thee:
The faithful God of love.

SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS

What sounds are those that reach the ear?
They tell of freedom drawing near,
When all who in sin's bondage groan
Their great Deliverer shall own.

Chorus
True Soldiers of the Cross we are,
For God and souls we march to war.
We fight to gain our hearts'desire—
To win the world by "Blood and Fire!"

He who has helped us in the past,
And borne us through each stormy blast,
Will still conduct our Army on;
Till all the world to Christ is won.

Then let us each more boldly fight,
In leading sinners to the light,
Till we receive the glad "Well done,"
When every victory is won!

FIGHT TILL JESUS COMES

We've 'listed in the holy war,
While battling for the Lord;
Content to have a soldier's fare,
While battling for the Lord!

Chorus
We'll fight till Jesus comes,
And then we'll rest at home!

The war is all our souls' delight,
We love the thickest of the fight.

We want no cowards in our band,
But call for valiant-hearted men.

I tell you what I mean to do,
I mean to go to Glory, too!

Young People's Days

To Be Conducted by COMMISSIONER RICHARDS

TORONTO—January 13th. HAMILTON—January 27th.
MONTREAL—January 20th. PETERBORO—February 3rd.
LONDON—February 10th.

DO NOT MISS THESE!

RED-JERSEYED LAD

Holds Meetings and Prays with Comrades in Khaki.

It would be impossible to say how many souls have been brought into the Kingdom out here by the coster Salvationist, who earned his living at home by selling fruit from a barrow, and who was too humble-minded and conscious of ignorance among better-lettered comrades ever to do much more than sing a solo in the open-air. He can sing, too! Boys coming down from the trenches told us of the red-jerseyed lad who used to take meetings and pray with them; so that we felt we knew him months before he came into this camp. Never a word of boasting.

"I couldn't have come out here unless I had Christ in my heart. I got no pluck to fight in no war," he declared frankly; "but I felt led by God to go and do my little bit of work among the boys with a good heart and with Christ as my Leader."

COMING EVENTS

COMMISSIONER RICHARDS

Temple (Toronto)—Monday, D[ec.] 31st (Watch-night Service).
Toronto—Sunday, Jan. 13 (Young People's Day).
Montreal—Sunday, 20 (Y. P. Day).
Hamilton—Sunday, 27 (Y. P. Day).
Peterboro—Sunday, Feb. 3 (Y. P. Day).
London—Sunday, 10 (Y. P. Day).

COLONEL McMILLAN (Chief Secretary)

Newfoundland Tour

St. John's 2—Wed., Jan. 16 (Opening New Hall).
St. John's 1—Thursday, 17.
St. John's 2—Friday, 18 (United Holiness Meeting).
Saturday, 19 (United Soldiers' Meeting).
Sunday, 20.
Carbonear—Monday, 21.
Harbour Grace—Tuesday, 22.
Bay Roberts—Wednesday, 23.
Bonavista—Friday-Sunday, 25-27.
Catalina—Monday, 28.

MRS. COMMR. RICHARDS

*L.-S. Scout Headquarters—Thursday, Jan. 3 (Annual Meeting Toronto League of Mercy).
*House of Industry—Tuesday (Christmas Demonstration Wychwood Band and Songsters).
(*Accompanied by Mrs. Colonel McMillan and Mrs. Major Moore.)

MRS. COLONEL McMILLAN

Toronto Hospital for Incurables (League of Mercy Christmas Demonstration)—Thursday, Jan.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Chandler—Hamilton 3, Sun., Dec. 30; Hamilton 1, Mon., 31; Hespeler, Sat.-Sun., Jan. 5-6; Kitchener, Sat.-Sun., 12-13.

Brigadier Bettridge—West Toronto, Sun., Dec. 30; Riverdale, Mon., 31; Temple, Sun., Jan. 6; *Toronto, Sun., 13; Montreal, Sun., 20; Hamilton, Sun., 27; Peterboro, Sun., Feb. 3; London, Sun., 10. (*Young People's Days)

Brigadier Adby—Dovercourt, Sun., Jan. 6; Toronto (Young People's Day), Sun., 13.

Brigadier and Mrs. Bell—East Toronto, Sun., Jan. 6; Toronto (Young People's Day), Sun., 13.

Major and Mrs. McAmmond—Hamilton 2, Sun., Dec. 30; Hamilton, Mon., 31. Paris, Sun., Jan. 6th.

Adjutant and Mrs. Kendall—Ingersoll, Sat., Dec. 29, to Mon., Jan.

Adjutant Trickey—Port Hope, Sat., Dec. 29-Mon., Jan. 7; Cobourg, Wed., 9-Tues., 19.

PRISON APPOINTMENTS

Saturday, December 29th
The Mercer—Mrs. Major Moore and the League of Mercy.

Sunday, December 30th
Thornhill—Envoy and Mrs. Moo[re]
Mimico—Adjutant and Mrs. Adams
Burwash—Captain and Mrs. Pryde

LODGES FOR WOMEN

The Salvation Army maintains Lodges as follows:—

"Scotia" Lodge, 163 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.
"Cathcart" Lodge, 24 Cathcart Street, Montreal, Quebec.
"Rosedale" Lodge, 131 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, Ontario.
"Balmoral" Lodge, 239 Balmoral Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
"Welcome" Lodge, 2215 Lorne Avenue, Regina, Sask.
"Mount Pleasant" Lodge, 75 Seventh Avenue East, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Young Women visiting or locating in the above-mentioned cities will find comfortable accommodation at the addresses given. For particulars, apply to the matron.